

Briefly

Donation by Bar association

Tri-City Bar Association President Eric Jackstadt has announced that his organization started the new year by contributing \$750 to the Tri-City Area United Way.

The Tri-City Bar is a member organization of lawyers. It serves the local area as well as Collinsville and surrounding areas.

Jackstadt praised the "worthwhile projects of the United Way."

DeMolay chili

Granite City DeMolays will hold their annual chili day from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard.

The event is the chapter's main fund-raising project. All-you-can-eat homemade chili will be served along with dessert and coffee, milk or soda.

Carryouts will also be offered.

Dance planned

The Bubblemasters Scuba Diving Club will host a Valentine dance from 7 p.m. Saturday to 12:30 a.m. at the Croatian Home, 10th Street and Madison Avenue in Madison.

Tickets are \$12.50 and are available at the door. The price includes sandwiches, snacks, beer and set-ups. Sweetheart pictures will be available for a nominal fee.

Advance tickets may be purchased at Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio, 3657 Nameoki Road, or Aquatic Adventures Unlimited, 3133 East Chain of Rocks Road.

Deaths

George Brankov
Annie Johnson
Grace Lensing
Delores McDonald
Patricia Miller
Florence Perry
Anthony Welbie
Herman Williams

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Results in Illinois were:
Feb. 10: 6-0-0; Pick 4: 2-2-4-4
Little Lotto Game
03-12-28-31-33
Lotto Game
04-10-13-17-32-54
Feb. 9: 3-6-3; Pick 4: 9-3-9-3
Feb. 8: 5-0-7; Pick 4: 6-3-8-5
Little Lotto Game
03-07-12-24-33
Feb. 7: 31-41-9; Pick 4: 6-0-9-4
Feb. 6: 9-8-2; Pick 4: 1-3-2-7
Lotto Game
02-03-04-07-17-21

75 years ago

Feb. 12, 1918
Contending that Granite City residents have a right to know what their elected officials are doing without attending the regular council meetings, Alderman Robertson introduced an ordinance requiring the city clerk to publish the minutes of the meetings in a local English language newspaper.

Trivia

What happened March 8, 1871?
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Township annexation overturned

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Property annexed into Granite City since March 18, 1988, was not automatically annexed into Granite City Township, an appellate judge ruled Tuesday.

But the city and township may continue to share elected officials under the opinion, written by Fifth District Appellate Judge Charles W. Chapman.

Included among the property in question are the sites of John Novotny Chevrolet and Koetting Ford car dealerships

and Wal-Mart on Highway 3; Hardees Restaurant on Chain of Rocks Road; portions of the Legacy Golf Course and Residential Development; portions of Northgate Industrial Park; and more than 50 other residential and commercial properties.

If the ruling stands, Nameoki and Chouteau townships — which initiated the court fight — would gain property tax revenue from those properties. Granite City Township would lose.

Madison County Treasurer John Shimkus said that property taxes collect-

ed in the Gorbie Subdivision since its annexation in December 1987 — about \$90,000 — have been held in escrow. They will be distributed to the various taxing bodies when the matter is resolved, he said.

Shimkus said he had no orders to withhold any other taxes — including the township portion — from any subsequent annexations. Shimkus said he had no idea of the amount of tax revenue the properties involved generate.

Granite City Treasurer Gail Valle, who is also the township collector, said that

the township portion of real estate taxes for the property in question are currently being distributed to Granite City Township.

Granite City Economic Development Director Alan Orbals said the decision raises a number of difficult questions, such as fire protection, street maintenance and tax redistribution.

"Something is going to have to be done to get some order out of this chaos," Orbals said.

Nameoki and Chouteau townships filed (See RULING, Page 2A)

ICC approves water rate hike

By Laura Telander
Staff writer

The Illinois Commerce Commission voted Tuesday to allow Illinois-American Water Co. to increase water rates more than 14 percent in certain areas, including Granite City, Belleville and East St. Louis.

The increase will produce about \$7.5 million in additional annual revenue for the company, which serves about 141,700 customers in Peoria, Pekin, Alton, Cairo and the Interurban area of Granite City, Belleville and East St. Louis.

The average residential customer in the Interurban District may see an 18.9 percent increase, from \$19 a month to \$22 per month, the ICC said.

The company petitioned the commission in March to increase rates by more than 20 percent or \$10.5 million, but received about 6 percent less than requested.

"Generally, the commission didn't think Illinois-American Water needed as much as they wanted," said Beth Bosch, public information officer for the Illinois Commerce Commission.

"They agreed with us. That is why they accepted the agreement."

Illinois-American Water Co.

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also received an 8.2 percent rate increase in November 1990, but Bosch said the second request is warranted.

"They come in when they think they are in need of additional revenue," she said. "They have had to make some adjustments to comply with new federal clean drinking water standards."

The commission also approved the company's proposal to consolidate the Alton, Cairo and Interurban water districts into one large district to establish a single pricing structure that will serve 84,000 clients.

Rate increases in the new district will vary by city.

Wayne Schlosser of Illinois-American was unavailable Wednesday for comment.

School district developing textbook replacement plan

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

While Granite City school administrators agree that out-of-date textbooks have become a problem for teachers in the district, they assured the Board of Education Tuesday night that student performance apparently has not suffered.

Steps are being taken to rectify the problem, they said.

In response to questioning by Board Members Jim Noeth and Carolyn Nemeth, Superintendent Steve Balen said administrators are working on a three-year capital outlay budget that will ensure that 20-year-old texts are no longer a part of the school district's curriculum.

Details about the plan are not yet available.

The district is currently using 1971-edition health books and 1974 science books, some of which state that a "man may one day walk on the moon."

"I would like our residents to know that genuine efforts are being made toward updating all of our textbooks and that the Granite City School District will always strive to provide our children with the highest quality education possible," Balen said.

Rich Brinkhoff, director of elementary education, assured the board that teachers supplement outdated texts with newer materials.

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Up close — Kindergarten student Brian Hoedebeck, right, shows Tiffany Watson the fur from an Angora rabbit he pets during a "Farmer in the Classroom" program at Maryville School. The program is sponsored by Purina Farms. More photos on Page 2A.

Board to appeal TIF ruling

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

The Granite City School Board voted unanimously Tuesday to appeal the dismissal of a suit it filed against the Pontoon Beach Tax Increment Financing district.

The school district alleged that Pontoon Beach had improperly enacted the ordinance in 1987 that established the Chouteau Trace TIF district. The suit also alleged that money raised by two TIF bond issues was

improperly spent because Pontoon Beach allegedly made substantial changes in the TIF redevelopment project plans without giving proper notice and unlawfully changed areas designated for commercial development to areas designated for residential development.

Circuit Judge Lola Maddox dismissed the suit last week.

Also named in the suit were Magna Trust Co., BTL Enterprises Inc. and Sharon R. Gibbons, trustee for the Gibbons Family Trust.

The defendants filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit under "laches" — the defense that a party filing a lawsuit, through neglect or omission, has lost its right to a legal remedy. Under laches, the inaction of the party filing the suit must have allowed passage of time and other circumstances that resulted in the defendant taking actions that now cannot be reversed.

Maddox upheld the laches defense and found that the Granite City School District gave up

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Lazerson pessimistic on funding

SIUE President Earl Lazerson is warning against too much optimism over a generous budget recommendation for the university by the state's Board of Higher Education.

The long and short of it is that I do not expect to see anything on the table at the end of the (legislative) session to jump up and down about," Lazerson said Tuesday in his annual state of the university address.

The board is recommending a

\$69.77 million operating budget for Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville for the fiscal year beginning July 1, about \$2.8 million more than the university requested.

"It is far too early to make any real predictions about what will occur" in the Legislature, Lazerson said. Changes in legislative leadership, with Republicans taking control of the Senate, leave the situation "uncertain and unsettled," he

said.

Lazerson said he agrees with advice from SIUE's University Planning and Budget Council to expect "no new dollars" in planning for fiscal 1994. Improvements to academic programs likely will depend on reallocation of resources from other areas, he said.

Technological advances, economic pressures and racial and cultural tensions have changed

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Officials agree: State mandates must go

By Martin Richter
Staff writer

Dozens of officials from three counties came to Collinsville on Tuesday to voice their support for an effort to end unfunded state mandates.

The officials, who said that the unfunded mandates often force local units of government to raise property taxes, are backing placement on the general election ballot in 1994 of a constitutional amendment that would prohibit the mandates.

Noting the bipartisan nature of the group that gathered at Collinsville City Hall for the combination meeting and press conference, St. Clair County Board Chairman John Baricevic said the amendment is one that should appeal to everyone.

"This is a good government bill," he said. "It's not a partisan bill, it's not a local government against state government bill, it's just how government ought to run."

"Each one of the school districts, the cities, the townships has had to raise taxes because of things the state has mandated them to do," Baricevic said.

Madison Mayor John Bellocff agreed.

"I am not going to try to increase taxes to meet these foolish mandates that have been passed down to us by these people in Springfield who don't think about the burden it is placing on the cities, the villages and townships and school districts," he said.

Added Granite City Mayor Von Dee Cruse: "I know the state doesn't have a lot of money to spare, but neither do any of us."

Very few people are going to call Springfield to talk to their representatives and say 'I'm against these mandated programs. But we know what's going on.'"

Illinois voters have already demonstrated strong support for the issue. In an advisory referendum on November's ballot, 81 percent voted in favor of ending unfunded state mandates.

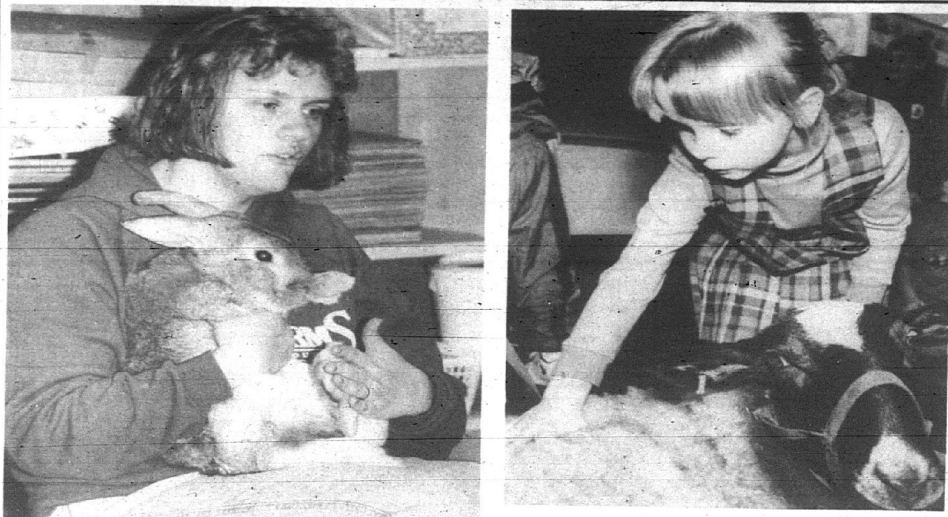
"I think what that says is people really understand that what's driving their property taxes higher is the fact that we've got these unfunded mandates coming down," Cook County Board President Richard Phelan said. (See MANDATES, Page 10A)



Madison County Regional Superintendent of Schools Harry Briggs discusses the effect of mandates on educators.



Granite City Mayor Von Dee Cruse speaks against mandates as state Rep. Kurt Grandburg listens.



Close-up view — Kindergarten students at Maryville School get a close-up look at some live farm animals through the Purina Farms "Farmer in the Classroom" program. In the top left photo, Trisha Kuenzel explains how rabbits use their powerful back legs. In top right photo, Melissa McCart pets a sheep. Below right, Kuenzel, left, and Bettie Darcy with chickens, rabbits, a sheep and a pig from Purina Farms. Below left, Darcy holds a 10-month-old pig, "Freckles."

FACES IN THE CROWD

(Staff photos by
PAM DOEPKE-HURD)



•Ruling

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suit against Granite City, Granite City Township and the Madison County Clerk and Treasurer after a March 18, 1988, referendum to have the Garbe Subdivision disconnected from Nameoki Township failed. Granite City had earlier annexed the subdivision.

Under state law, when a city that shares identical boundaries with a township — when they are "coterminous" — annexes property into the city, the property is also automatically transferred to the township as well.

But Nameoki and Chouteau

townships argued that, as a result of the Garbe referendum, the Granite City and Granite City Township were no longer coterminous, and therefore that any property subsequently annexed did not automatically become part of Granite City Township as well.

At question was the definition of "coterminous." The city argued that the city and township maintained coterminous status even though they no longer shared boundaries. Madison County Judge Michael Meehan agreed, but the appellate ruling reversed that decision.

While the appellate ruling said

that "governmental function" and "the status of elected officials" will remain as if the two bodies are coterminous, "territory annexed to Granite City subsequent to March 18, 1988 was not automatically annexed to Granite City Township."

The decision "does not hinder the city from annexing property just because it loses its city, township coterminous status," and "the city is free to annex ... (but) it may not unilaterally alter township boundaries."

Granite City and Granite City Township have 21 days to file notice of intent to appeal.

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its right to file the lawsuit because, by not taking legal action within a reasonable time, Pontoon Beach was able to establish the redevelopment area, issue and sell the TIF bonds, use the money to build infrastructure, acquire property and develop it.

Maddox's order stated: "It is clear that the (school district) became knowledgeable of the TIF district ... in June, 1987, and pursued its own course of action by investigation. It was only after the bonds had been sold, and the money spent for public lands and infrastructure, that the village began to rezone part of the redevelopment area as single family."

"The dispute that arose ... in 1990 over single family zoning cannot excuse the (school district's) delay in challenging the validity of the ordinances adopted in 1987. The bonds that are challenged have been purchased, and the money received by the village and the village in turn,

has expended said funds completely for the furtherance of the redevelopment area. The bondholders are clearly prejudiced by the position now taken by the (school district) that said bonds should be declared invalid."

The Chouteau Trace TIF district, located on 68 acres of farmland west of Highway 111 and south of Interstate 270, was established by village ordinance in 1987, citing the location as a blighted area and providing tax abatements for potential future developers.

A TIF district is an area recognized as a redevelopment area and which has special tax laws in order to attract developers.

Increased property taxes collected in a TIF district, instead of being distributed to the usual taxing bodies (the school district, for example), are turned over to a TIF commissioner who then may use the funds to pay for redevelopment costs within the TIF district.

Prior to filing the lawsuit in December 1990, the school district had sent Pontoon Beach a warning that it would consider

taking legal action against the rumored new development in the TIF district. The district expressed concern regarding the development of "residential housing" in an area previously designated for commercial development.

The original plan for the TIF district proposed no single-family homes. The plan did include 200 multi-family units, one hotel, six highway service units, a 200,000 square foot retail center, and 57 duplex residences.

When the lawsuit was filed, the school district said TIF districts which include residences have the potential to increase the number of students in a school district without producing more funds to cover the cost of educating them.

Norman Owca, director of finance for the school district, estimated at the time that as much as \$10,000,000 in real estate taxes could be redirected to real estate developers rather than the school district over the next 23 years as a result of the creation of a TIF district in the village.

Moran accuser not recanting charges

The attorney for a girl who alleges she was molested by a Madison County judge wants the investigation of the girl's accusations called off.

But the child is not recanting allegations that Circuit Judge George Moran Jr. sexually assaulted her, the girl's court-appointed guardian, Jack Carey, said Monday.

Carey, a Belleville attorney, said he is asking the court to end the investigation of Moran because it could prove harmful to the girl.

Nonetheless, the girl stands by her accusations, Carey said. "It's a motion to dismiss filed on behalf of my ward. I did it because it's in my ward's best interests ... but it in no way addresses the issue (of sexual abuse)," Carey said.

Weekend news accounts reported that Carey had asked Associate Judge Ellen Dauber to dismiss the girl's allegations against Moran. But Carey said that does not mean he believes the charges have no merit.

"That is not the situation. It's unfortunate but I can't say perhaps as much as I would be able to in the way of explanation if this wasn't a juvenile case," he said.

Carey declined to say how pursuing the accusations against Moran would be harmful to the girl. Confidentiality laws prohibit him from discussing juvenile

cases in detail, he said. The motion was filed Friday after a 90-minute closed-door hearing. Dauber, a St. Clair County associate judge on loan for the Moran case, scheduled a Feb. 19 hearing to consider Carey's request.

The Illinois Attorney General's Office and State Police are continuing the investigation into the girl's allegations, a spokesman for the attorney general said Monday.

Moran was removed from active judicial duties after the girl's allegations became public in early December.

No formal charges have been filed and he has maintained his innocence.

If Dauber grants Carey's request to end the investigation, Moran would resume his duties on the bench, a court official said.

"If there is no case, that would open the way for (Moran) to resume hearing cases and other duties he currently is not performing," Chief Circuit Judge Paul Riley said.

The allegations against Moran became public Dec. 4 after juvenile court records on the girl's allegations were leaked to the media.

Moran voluntarily stepped down from the bench later that day until the case could be resolved.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Police log

Granite City

Husband is arrested

Ronald C. Legate, 44, of the 2500 block of Northridge, was arrested for domestic battery at 2:19 a.m. Feb. 8.

Legate allegedly grabbed his wife, Robin A. Wenner-Legate, 38, by the arm and pushed her against a wall. He was released after posting \$107 bail.

Driver booked for DUI

James D. Cuvar Jr., 23, of the 4200 block of Breckenridge Lane, was arrested at 2:38 a.m. Feb. 5 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

An officer reported clocking a red 1987 Ford Ranger at 45 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone on West Pontoon Road at Briarcliff Drive, and then crossing the center line on Nameoki Road.

Cuvar, the driver, took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged.

Four traffic charges

John J. Ballentine, 50, of the 2300 block of Terminal Avenue, was arrested at 9:04 p.m. Feb. 7 for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a suspended license, failure to dim headlights when required and failure to signal before turning.

•Funding

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higher education and there will be no "return to normalcy," Lazerson said.

He said the era of ever-increasing budgets, passive students and rigid divisions between academic disciplines are gone for ever.

"The world is changing fundamentally and we need to change to do our jobs," Lazerson said. Lazerson plans to retire at the end of the year and his address frequently took on the tone of a farewell to the university community.

"It has been for me a very great honor and privilege to

•Books

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and that student performance apparently has not suffered from the use of older books.

"More than 50 percent of our students still score in the top 50 percentile statewide on (Illinois Goal Assessment Program) science tests."

"It is an added burden for the teachers (to supplement the texts). There is absolutely no question about that," Brinkhoff said.

Balen said the health and science books were scheduled for replacement in the 1991-92 school year, but reductions in state funding and textbook loan programs made the move "financially impossible."

The cost to replace the books today would be more than \$160,000, he said.

have served you," he said. Despite differences, Lazerson said he considers all SIUE faculty and staff members as friends and colleagues.

"Your work has heightened this university and it will go on further," he said. "This university has a great mission and it will become great in carrying out that mission."

Lazerson said he is "pleased, proud and delighted" about a "renewed sense of vitality" he sees developing among faculty and staff at SIUE.

"That is what will stamp the quality of SIUE in the future," he said.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Mike Sikora, director of secondary education, explained that the state, which formerly funded one textbook per year for each student enrolled in three grade levels (10th, 11th and 12th, for example) now only funds a book for one student per year.

To replace an out-of-date text on the elementary level would cost approximately \$81,000 — the equivalent of two top-level teachers' salaries or three or four entry-level teachers' salaries, Brinkhoff said.

"It is coming down to a choice between (teachers or texts)," Brinkhoff said.

But, Balen said, a regular book replacement schedule, to be included in a two-year plan in the district's capital outlay budget, should prevent the dated textbook situation from occurring again in the future.

AIDS cases in county increase 20 percent in year

SPRINGFIELD — The number of Madison County AIDS cases jumped by 20 percent in 1992, while across the state reports of the deadly disease rose 17 percent.

The Illinois Department of Public Health said 13 new AIDS cases were reported in Madison County last year, bringing the total to 78.

Statewide, 1,899 cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome were reported in 1992, bringing the total to 8,202.

The Public Health Department is also tracking reports of people with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that causes AIDS.

Through last year, 66 people infected with HIV who have not yet developed AIDS have been reported in Madison County.

The state health agency said homosexual or bisexual men continued to represent the majority

'We cannot forget the AIDS threat to the homosexual and bisexual communities,' but we must recognize this deadly disease is now stalking minorities, women and those who share needles to inject drugs.'

— Dr. John Lumpkin
Health director

of new AIDS cases in 1992, accounting for 1,083, or 57 percent of the cases.

About 5,391, two-thirds, of the total cases have been homosexual or bisexual.

However, AIDS among homosexuals and bisexuals is no longer increasing as fast as among other

groups, the agency said.

In 1992, the fastest growing category was among intravenous drug users, up 71 percent. This was followed by women, up 47 percent; heterosexuals, up 36 percent; and minorities, up 31 percent.

'We cannot forget the AIDS threat to the homo-

sexual and bisexual communities, but we must recognize this deadly disease is now stalking minorities, women and those who share needles to inject drugs,' health director Dr. John Lumpkin said.

Although African-Americans and Hispanics represent only 23 percent of the state's population, they accounted for 56 percent of new AIDS cases in 1992, the Health Department said.

However, cases attributed to blood transfusions were down 72 percent, from 47 in 1991 to 13 in 1992.

Cases reported in hemophiliacs were down 14 percent, from 21 in 1991 to 18 in 1992. All those cases were traced to blood products received before 1985, when routine screening began.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Belcoff's party to mark opening

Madison Mayor John Belcoff's Strong and Responsible City Government party will open its headquarters on Madison Avenue near Eighth Street with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Working together has made Madison proud and strong for decades and will continue to make us proud and strong in the future," Belcoff said.

Running with Belcoff are incumbent City Clerk Bill Weidner, incumbent City Treasurer Frank Kierski, incumbent Alderman George Amisch, Ward 1; Theodore "Ted" Ostrenga for alderman, Ward 2; Harold Christian for alderman, Ward 3; and incumbent Alderman Charles Rockett, Ward 4.

The goals of the party, as stated in its platform, are:

- To continue to provide strong and responsible city government.
- To continue to provide honesty, integrity and improvement in city government.
- To continue to control city spending in order not to increase city taxes, borrowing or debt.
- To continue to provide city services within the financial ability of the city without additional increases in city taxes, borrowing or debt.
- To continue to work with other governmental bodies to obtain additional benefits for the city without increasing taxes.
- To continue to provide as many programs for the city's youth and seniors as possible within its financial abilities.
- To continue to attract new businesses and encourage and assist in the expansion of existing businesses in the city.
- To continue to work with citizens and other governmental bodies to better fight the drug problem and increase law enforcement effectiveness in the city.

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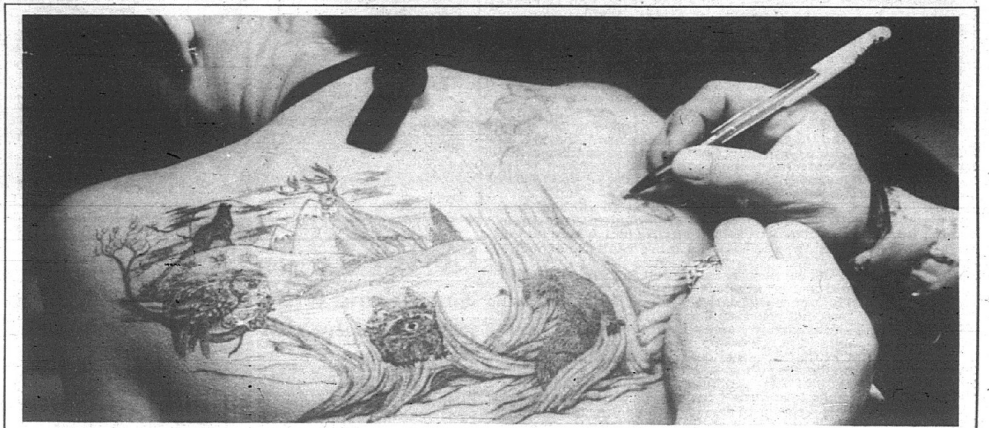
Belcoff and his slate of candidates will face mayoral candidate John Hamm's Community Team party slate and independent mayoral candidate Tom Voloski and an independent candidate for Ward 2 alderman, Ron Grayson.

Running with Hamm, who is currently an alderman, are Toni Cromer, for clerk; Frank Dutko, for treasurer; Eleanor Armour, for alderman, Ward 1; Lester White Sr., for alderman, Ward 2; incumbent Alderman Mike Vrees, for alderman, Ward 3; Newsome Sr., for alderman, Ward 4.

Belcoff's Strong and Responsible City Government party and the Committee for the Re-election of Mayor John Belcoff will hold a fund raiser from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Feb. 26, at the Croatian Home, 10th Street and Madison Avenue. The event will feature music by Terry Dutko's Allys Kats and food, beer and soda.

Members of the Committee for Re-election of Mayor John Belcoff are: Charles Bridick, Kathy Belcoff, Norma Belcoff, Andy Besserman, Billie Bosworth, Court Bosworth, Steve Barry, Ruby Coopwood, Renee Garrett; Also, Harvey Haynes, Gaylor Hemingway, Dorothy Hinson, Jenny Huey, Charles Johnson Sr., Kathleen Johnson, Louise Kern, Ciel Kowalczyk, Jo Ann Lucas, Willard Messer, Sue Miller, Doreatha Mosely, Al Mossa, John Palchaff.

Also, Al Faskus, Carol Robinson, Gene Robertson, Sunya Robinson, Dorothy Serwatka, Russell Smith, George Smith, Beatrice Stentzer, Vasi Tanase, Ed Tutka, Eleanor Tutka, Jeanne Weidner, Beulah Williams and Ed Warchol.



This wilderness scene is taking shape on Jennifer Traipp's back. Larry "Blackjack" Sloan, a tattoo artist in Alton, is putting the latest additions to the scene.

Candy, flowers — or a wilderness tattoo?

It takes more than a box of chocolates and flowers to melt the heart of Jennifer Traipp of Granite City on Valentine's Day. Larry "Blackjack" Sloan, a tattoo artist and owner of the Electric Pen Ancient Art Emporium in Alton, will put the finishing touches on Traipp's back this weekend, the latest addition to her wilderness tattoo.

The entire wilderness scene should be done in time for Sweetest Day, said Sloan, who has been injecting dye into Traipp's back for several weeks.

"It's going to be a beauty. By the time we're done, I'll probably have 18 to 20 hours invested in this one."

Traipp sat patiently in Sloan's barber chair last week as the former truck driver sketched a grizzly bear on her back with a

black pen. A sign hanging in the entrance to the parlor says, "Electric Pen — Open for Pain."

"Sure, it hurts a little bit," said Traipp, who works as a caterer in St. Louis.

"But after a day or two, it settles down and so do I. Then I walk a mirror and I have to smile. It's beautiful."

And there's nothing more appealing to Sloan than a patch of bare skin. The tattoo artist paints anywhere from 10 to 40 customers every week.

"We usually get busier around holidays and special occasions," he said. "More and more people are giving tattoos as gifts. I sell almost any gift certificates."

Traipp wasn't supposed to have the finishing touches etched on her back until

her birthday in July, but her husband didn't want to wait.

"My husband was so pleased with how things were going, he couldn't wait till July," she said. "I didn't want to wait, either. I'm a nature nut. I always want to be surrounded by it. Someday, all we'll have left of it is pictures."

Sloan sketches freeland, using wildlife photographs he and Traipp have collected from magazines.

"I've never had an art class," said Sloan, who began dabbling in tattoo art after he injured his back in a trucking accident about six years ago. "I picked it up naturally. It beats ... driving a truck."

Sloan and his partner, Chris "Mingo" (See TATTOO, Page 9A)

Infant, child CPR class slated

St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., in Granite City, is offering parents, caregivers and other interested individuals the chance to learn life-saving techniques specifically designed for young victims.

Infant and child CPR will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20, in the Providence Classroom, on the second floor of the Wellness Center, 2103 Iowa, in Granite City. Pre-registration is required and must be by Friday.

Infant and Child CPR is a certification course taught by American Heart Association certified instructors. It teaches techniques that could mean the difference between life and death for an infant or child. Cost is \$16 per person.

For more information or to register, call 798-3201.

Church banquet set for Saturday

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will hold its annual banquet at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Venice Senior Citizen Center, Klein and Brown streets.

The theme will be "Display of Love" and the program will feature three five-minute talks beginning with "God's Love" by Courtney Barrett, followed by "Love in the Family" by Lolita Jenkins and "Church Love and the African Methodist Episcopal Church" by Ola J. Jones.

A skit written and directed by Gail Gordon will be presented. Also featured will be a saxophone solo by Leonard Collier and performances by soloists Vivian McHenry and Lorraine Strauther.

Corrections

A photograph of David Bailey appeared in Wednesday's *Journal* among pictures of Granite City mayoral candidates. David Bailey is not running for the post. His brother, James Bailey Sr., is a candidate for mayor.

An article in the Feb. 7 issue of the *Granite City Press-Record/Journal* incorrectly identified the Community Team party led by Madison mayoral candidate and current Alderman John Hamm.

Reports validated: Henkhaus gets court job

Former Madison County Treasurer Michael "Mick" Henkhaus has been hired as court liaison for Lewis and Clark Community College's new traffic safety school.

The college Board of Trustees approved hiring Henkhaus at its meeting Tuesday, ending speculation that he would get the job.

Motorists charged with minor offenses who agree to the four-hour traffic school will not have to appear in court and will keep offenses off their driving records if they receive no other tickets within six months.

The salary for the court liaison will come from \$25 fees paid by participants.

Even before the college bid last year to operate the program, political insiders had said Henkhaus would get a position.

The vote to accept LCCC President Dale Chapman's recommendation of Henkhaus was 4-1, with Trustee Gary Henderson dissenting.

"I just simply voted against it because of Mr. Henkhaus' reputation and his notoriety in the newspapers," said Henderson, a Republican who ran unsuccessfully for county auditor last

year.

"I just did not want that notoriety to reflect on the excellent community college that we have here, but I respect the recommendation of Dr. Chapman and I'm sure Mr. Henkhaus will do a fine job," Henderson said.

He said he faulted Henkhaus for having one of his sons on the payroll when he was treasurer and the youth was facing a felony charge.

Henkhaus said he was happy to get the LCCC job but was disturbed about news reports suggesting he had a lock on it.

He said he had never heard of the position before a reporter asked him about allegations it was created for him.

"Someone was saying that I had an in, but that's a lot of bull," said Henkhaus, who said he isn't sure when he starts his new job, which will pay between \$30,000 and \$35,000 a year.

"It wasn't that way at all. I don't think I deserved that. I don't think the college deserved that."

For the last two years, Henkhaus has worked for the Wood River law firm of Tom Lakin, a Democratic power broker.

"I've been in public service most of my life and I'm very anxious to get back into it," Henkhaus said.

Chapman said a three-member screening panel interviewed nine candidates over three days.

"We thought there were several people who were good candidates," he said. "Mr. Henkhaus was the best-qualified candidate."

Robert Watson, chairman of the board, also said Henkhaus was the best person for the job.

"We evaluated him solely on his qualifications and not any difficulties he's had in the past, with the election or anything else," he said. He denied knowledge of political pressure to hire Henkhaus.

Henkhaus, a Democrat, was elected county treasurer in 1978, 1982 and 1986 before losing to Republican John Shimkus in 1990.

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At LCCC, Henkhaus will coordinate the traffic program with courts in Madison, Macoupin and Jersey counties.

The college had advertised for high school graduates with at least five years' experience in court administration.

The ad was placed Jan. 31, nearly a month after LCCC officials had said the program was fully staffed and ready to begin.

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Editorials

Mayoral horses at the gate

Who will be the next mayor of Granite City? Mark Twain advised: "It were not best that we should all think alike; it is difference of opinion that makes horse races."

With 10 candidates lined up at the starting gate, it is impossible looking over the field and anticipating the coming election campaign — not to be reminded of horse racing. It has all the makings of a skilled handicapper's dream and a casual bettor's nightmare.

One would think, at first glance, that with modest effort almost anybody can get 25 votes a precinct, right?

Well, if all the candidates get 25 votes a precinct — Granite City has 36 precincts — that is a total of 9,000 votes — about 300 fewer votes than the total cast in 1989. But voter interest may be higher this year, so let's say 10,000 people will vote in April.

With each candidate getting 25 votes a precinct, that would leave about 27½ votes a precinct — 23½ votes a candidate per precinct — to decide the winner.

Maybe that's not realistic. All of the candidates won't work and some may not be running.

Well, in 1989, Archie Lupardus did next to nothing and received 248 votes for mayor. Since that includes 16 precincts where he got five votes or less and no precinct where he got more than 17 votes, maybe that is a more realistic expectation.

Suppose half of the candidates do as well as Lupardus did in 1989. That would leave about 8,500 votes for the other candidates: 1,716 per candidate or about 47½ votes per candidate per precinct. In 1989, losing treasurer candidate Ery DeRousse had that many votes in 30 of the 36 precincts in a three-way race.

Oh, that's not realistic, either, because the remaining five candidates won't be that close.

Well, suppose half of the candidates do as well as Lupardus did in 1989 and a couple of others do twice as well. That leaves 7,444 votes — 206½ votes a precinct — to decide the winner. So, if all other things are equal, it will take a little less than 69 votes a precinct to win.

Obviously, no candidate is going to have his voters spread evenly across the precincts. But under all of these scenarios — and like scenarios involving a weighted field — 2,500 votes is the magic number that would guarantee victory.

What will it take to get a 2,500-vote total? Well, if a candidate could get at least 65 percent of the expected vote in Granite City's 10 largest precincts, it would be more than enough.

So who will be the next mayor of Granite City?

We can say with — drawing from Twain again — "the calm confidence of a Christian with four aces" that it could very well be any of the 10 candidates. When the race comes down to the wire, the favorites can fade, the long shots can break away and everyone is in danger of getting bumped.

We believe this is a race every citizen should watch and, since we all have a stake in the result, watch closely.

Reform state bidding to limit corruption, waste

(The following is reprinted from the Springfield, Ill., State Journal-Register.)

Recently, we published a series of stories describing the cozy, often questionable relationship that exists in Illinois between campaign contributors and state officials who award them lucrative government contracts.

The fact that it is done is in itself not surprising. We are sure it has been going on for a long time.

But what is shocking is the magnitude of the problem. To our knowledge, no one has ever before conducted the type of comprehensive study of state contracts that was done by Journal-Register staff members.

What they discovered after six months of research cries out for reform: reform that will eliminate the unavoidable impression that there is an "insiders club" operating in state government, a club funded by taxpayers that subsidizes their interests and welfare to the careers of public officials from both political parties.

In many cases, the proximity of contract awards to receipt of contributions is so blatant that it gives the appearance that they are straight cash transactions.

The study showed that one-third of state contracts with individuals and businesses during fiscal year 1992 — July 1, 1991, to June 30, 1992 — went to political contributors who backed the winners in the 1990 election.

Those who contributed to campaigns in the election received at least 14,000 contracts worth \$1.6 billion out of a total of \$4.6 billion in contracts for goods and services.

Of that \$1.6 billion, more than 27 percent — about \$437 billion — was for the purchase of goods and services for which competitive bidding is not required by state law. Moreover, those who made political donations averaged \$1.2 million in state business, while those who didn't averaged only about \$200,000 each.

The two offices that awarded the highest percentage of contracts to contributors were the governor's and the attorney general's.

About 32 percent of the contracts awarded by Gov. Jim Edgar's office — roughly \$335 million worth — were "no-bid" contracts that did not require competitive bidding under state law, and they went to firms or individuals who donated money to the governor and the Republican Party.

On a smaller scale, but with a higher rate of 34 percent, about \$4.2 million of the \$12.6 million the state paid for legal representation went to pro bono attorneys who contributed to Democratic Attorney General Roland W. Burris' 1990 campaign.

This is a situation that the voters and taxpayers of Illinois can no longer allow to continue.

Not only does it give the impression that contributions can buy influence with public officials, but the lack of competitive bidding, or comparative pricing when such bidding is not possible, means that the state is more than likely paying much more for goods and services than it should.

Edgar and the General Assembly need to act quickly to correct this situation. As a result of our study, we are recommending the following legislation:

Set a limit on contributions so that those who give more than that amount cannot receive state contracts. Some states now set limits ranging from \$500 to \$5,000.

Prohibit "no-bid" contracts to anyone who contributes to a state official.

Vastly expand the scope of goods and services that require competitive bidding.

Require comparative pricing where competitive bidding is not required.

The encouraging news is that, in the aftermath of the Journal-Register disclosure, numerous bills already are being prepared in the Illinois legislature to address the weaknesses in the current system.

Now is the time to at last clean up the state contract process in Illinois. We strongly urge that such legislation be enacted during this session of the General Assembly.



Letters

Tampering with pensions, health

TO THE EDITOR:
In a recent interview of President Bill Clinton, published in the Wall Street Journal, Mr. Clinton advocated raising the age requirement for receiving Social Security benefits and taxing health-care benefits. I find this appalling.

I'll bet a lot of people do not realize that the age eligibility for receiving Social Security benefits for people born after 1939 goes up in increments now, — to age 67.

This was part of the Social Security overhaul in 1977 during President Jimmy Carter's administration. At that time, the so-called "notch" years were also introduced, depriving succeeding retirees of a share of their benefits.

President Clinton would like to raise the age requirement — to age 70.

The people contributing to Social Security today are already paying far more out of their paychecks than any preceding generation, and will continue to do so, at expanded rates.

If Mr. Clinton is successful with his proposals, you can expect to work longer years in the future before receiving your benefits, if you survive long enough to receive them.

I believe the Social Security system is a good, sound program. But, only if we can keep the politicians from messing around with it and "borrowing" from its funds.

I didn't see, or hear, anything about wanting to tax any of the free "perks" our elected officials receive, or anything about raising the age eligibility for civil service or military pensions. I assume their life expectancy isn't about the same as the rest of us.

I find it rather ironic that, at the same time, our president wants to raise the age requirements for Social Security, numerous articles appear touting the lowering of the age requirements for government pensions.

For example, a recent article detailed a government-approved pension for an executive of the Resolution Trust Division. He can begin receiving a pension valued at over \$1 million at the age of 46, instead of at age 55, as other retirees were required to do.

Recent articles related how Illinois "pension czar" Rep. Sam Wolf was instrumental in passing legislation that lowered the age requirements for civil-service pensions, estimated to cost our city alone an additional \$60,000-plus per year.

The articles also stated this bill will cover teachers, policemen, firemen, judges and especially legislators.

Illinois state policemen, for one group, will be able to retire at age 45, if they act within certain time restraints.

You can't blame them if they do. They are still young enough to obtain other employment and earn enough to qualify for a Social Security pension also, in their later years, as many government and military pensioners do.

I voted mostly Democratic in this election, as I have, for the most part, in previous elections.

Maybe I should have known better. It seems like the same old story, no matter whom you vote for: They will find ways to dig into the reserves of the common man while they enhance their own benefits.

After all, there are so many of us and we seem so willing to contribute.

FRANKLIN M. ROBERTS
Granite City

How to return to the tax system

TO THE EDITOR:
In October, the Internal Revenue Service announced a nationwide effort to encourage those people who haven't been filing their federal tax returns to come back into the tax system.

I am pleased to announce that we have received more than 3,000 contacts from Illinois residents in response to our non-filer initiative.

We heard from a variety of people — people who told us how relieved they were that we offered from the opportunity to come forward, and people who said that while it sounds like a cliché, now they really would be able to sleep at night.

Our studies have shown that many people become non-filers because of difficult personal circumstances, such as divorce, death of a spouse, or severe financial problems.

After they miss a year of filing a tax return, fear takes over and they are afraid to file the next year because they think they will go to jail.

Readers, if this is your situation, I encourage you to contact us. IRS employees want to help you.

They are committed to working with those of you who come to us in good faith seeking a resolution to your tax problems.

The non-filer program is a long-term effort to improve tax compliance and the whole purpose is to get people back into the system, not to prosecute ordinary people who make a mistake.

Come into your local IRS office or call us at 1-800-829-1040. Have as many of your records as possible when you contact us. We will assist you in preparing any returns that are due.

We have found that many of the people who have come forward to file returns are entitled to refunds; however, if we will work out a payment plan based on your financial situation.

If you are hesitant to come to the IRS for help, you may wish to engage the services of a tax preparer. The important thing is for you to file any tax returns that are due.

Please don't let this opportunity pass you by. The door is open for everyone who wants to get right with their government.

DANIEL L. BLACK JR.
District director
Internal Revenue Service

School quality gets emphasis

TO THE EDITOR:
Catholic Schools Week was observed Jan. 31 through Feb. 6, with 8,500 schools nationwide participating.

A recent Gallup survey on American views toward the quality of education rated Catholic schools as "excellent to good."

Catholic educators throughout the Springfield Diocese are very determined to maintain and strengthen the quality and caliber of the kind of education they offer.

BERNICE C. CRIMMINS
Madison

Student Council charity praised

TO THE EDITOR:
For many citizens of Granite

City, the Christmas season brought happiness — and food.

The Granite City High School Student Council raised money to buy food for needy families with children throughout the area. Such food baskets included turkeys, canned goods, desserts, beverages and necessities.

On Dec. 21, the members of the Student Council spent the day delivering the food baskets to the doorsteps of the citizens.

I believe that Granite City should be very thankful for the charity and kindness that the Student Council brings to the community.

ANDREA MALONE
Granite City

Local events led to U.S. victory

TO THE EDITOR:
Kaskaskia, in the "Illinois country," was the first objective for George Rogers Clark in his daring plan during the American Revolution to end Indian raids that were advocated by British troops.

In 1778, Clark and a small group of Kentucky "Long Knives" took the Mississippi River town without a shot and achieved similar success in the nearby villages of Prairie du Rocher and Cahokia.

Clark was able to persuade the mostly French inhabitants to renounce their allegiance to the British crown and to negotiate a short truce with Indian tribes.

American presence was maintained in the Northwest Territory throughout the Revolutionary war and made possible the permanent sovereignty that was granted by the Treaty of Paris.

The Drusilla Andrews Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, notes the significance of this daring expedition and urges the public to become familiar with local history during February, American History Month.

LINDA A. KOENIG
Granite City

Explains how to assist homeless

TO THE EDITOR:
Homelessness affects people all around us. Of the more than 35,000 persons who were homeless in Illinois during the past year, one in three was a child.

Three years ago, the Homeless

Assistance Fund was established to give taxpayers an opportunity to help homeless individuals and families.

Since the program began, more than \$717,000 has been donated to the fund.

Simply by writing in a donation of \$1 or more to the Homeless Assistance Fund on line 15d of their 1992 income tax form, taxpayers can make a difference in the lives of Illinois' homeless.

The contributions are either deducted from tax refunds or added to taxes owed.

The money helps support local agencies that provide shelter, food and other services to homeless individuals and families. These services play a vital role in getting people off the streets and into permanent homes.

Please remember the Homeless Fund when completing your 1992 Illinois income tax form. Your donations will help provide essential services to the homeless in your community.

PHIL BRADLEY
Director, Illinois
Department of Public Aid

Quick response aided harmony

TO THE EDITOR:
I am happy to see how quickly the Granite City School Board moved to address the issue of discrimination in our schools.

There probably is a small percentage of students, both black and white, who commit acts of discrimination. Hopefully, the new inter-racial coordinating committee will help end these problems.

Problems of any kind must be resolved by education and disciplinary actions. I believe that this problem can be solved because only a small percentage of students are involved.

There didn't seem to be a problem when my daughter graduated from Granite City High School a few years ago, since her classmates elected a fine black student as the president of the Student Council.

These problems definitely start young at home and have been in existence forever. But, hopefully, through patience, education, tolerance and understanding, all races can live in harmony one day soon.

MICHAEL RAY DILLIER
Granite City

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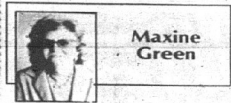
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90-year-old celebrates birthday



Maxine Green

Maxine Green covers the Granite City and Nameoki Township area for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be contacted at 931-6256.

Mildred Kippy was honored guest Sunday, Jan. 31, on her 90th birthday during the morning service in the Mount Zion church. A poem commemorating her life was written and read by Helen Nance. Deacon Cecil Phelps spoke of the many ways she had helped others when they were in need.

A red-and-gold banner was presented to her by Carolyn LeMaster. Children of the Cradle Roll Department and their teachers, led by Barbara Maney, presented a bouquet of pink carnations to her. The honoree also received a dozen red roses and a plaque inscribed, "First Steps," from friends and members of Mount Zion.

Carol Moulton and son Chris have returned home after visiting another son, Randy, in Liberty, Kan. David and Kimberli Moulton and daughter Amanda Jean-Marie of Wichita, Kan., also spent a few days visiting with while they were in Liberty.

St. Elizabeth Medical Center presents an Associate of the Year Award each year; it is sponsored by the owners of the Glik stores, which has supported the work at SEMC for more than 60 years, beginning in the 1930s, when Morris Glik donated a room to the hospital.

Those honored through the years were: Bob Turck, social worker, the first associate of the year in 1981; Tony Elliot, former Mobile Meals driver, in 1982; Claudine McLaughlin, nurse aide, in 1983; Martha Burnett, registered nurse of Surgery, in 1984; and Marianne Hicks of Radiology in 1985; Kathy McKay of Medical Records and Shaky Sahlgren of Radiology in 1986; Barbara Booth, Physical Therapy, in 1987; Albert McDonald of Plant Engineering and Mary Kay Heagy-Netz of Administration in 1988; Rhonda McDowell of Laboratory Services in 1989; Kathy Teichgraber of Radiology and Mike Pryor of Respiratory Therapy in 1990.

The latest Associate of the Year was Linda McMurray, patient transporter in Radiology in 1991. Nomination forms are available through the SEMC Public Relations Department and the deadline for turning them in is April 5.

Andrew Lathrop was guest of honor at a birthday party given by his parents, David and Stefanie Lathrop, in their home celebrating his 1st birthday. Other guests were his grandparents, Howard and Doris Lathrop and Leo and Gertrude Roth, and his brother and sisters, Ryan, Elizabeth and Carolyn Roth and Marge Roth and Jim Roth.

The Esther Sunday School Class of the Suburban Baptist Church held its class meeting Monday evening in the home of Marie Diagger. Members attending were Edna Jackson, Mary Charlton, Sharon Purky, Helen Lilly, Helen Cook, Ruth Bunker, Susie Garnett and Susie Horton.

Talk on China Feb. 17 at SIUE

The Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Alumni Association and the Office of Continuing Education are sponsoring a seminar entitled "SIUE in China: The Hangzhou Exchange" from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Samuel C. Pearson, dean of the School of Social Sciences, will discuss his part in the exchange between SIUE and Hangzhou, China. He will also show slides and discuss some of his insights derived from study and travel in China, as well as the role of international education in preparing students for life in the 21st century. The seminar is free and open to the public. The class will meet in the Mississippi/Illinois Rooms of the University Center. Refreshments will be served after the presentation.

United Way workers: its 'best-kept secret'

Most people only see the United Way in touching television ads featuring football players helping kids, and when the company representative comes in to pass out this year's pledge cards.

But there are a lot of people from all walks of life who do the work of the United Way after football season is over. They make allocation decisions, which are made possible by the success of the efforts of the company representatives and other volunteers.

It has been called United Way's "best-kept secret." A secret that sets the United Way apart from other charities.

The Tri-Cities Area United Way uses a citizen-review process to distribute the funds collected in the annual campaign to local service providers.

A volunteer panel of 30 to 34 area residents and industry representatives makes tough funding decisions after hours of study and examination of information.

Ron Payton, personnel director at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, serves as chairman of the citizen review committee. The committee members serve three-year terms and come from diverse backgrounds.

"Typically, about one-third of the committee is leaving each year. In those times, we are fortunate to have many new volunteers that we need" in order to keep the membership as diverse as possible, Payton said. The volunteers represent a cross-section of the local community and work in a variety of occupations ranging from homemaker to middle manager to company president. (See committee listing.)

"They are all volunteers. In some cases, people will call the United Way office and ask how



Tri-Cities Area United Way volunteers, from left, Ann Glaze, Leo Mushill, Richard Kearns, Martha Hogan and Ron Payton visit the Food Pantry at the Protestant Welfare Association.

they can help," Payton said.

That kind of help is always welcome, but we make a real attempt to keep representations channeled to various committees in order to get a good cross-section of members."

If the committee has a large number of volunteers who represent the business community, for example, Payton said, some of those volunteers may be asked to help out with bookkeeping or marketing or other opportunities so that the citizen review committee can remain diverse.

The committee also tries to include members on the committee from as many different regions of the area as possible, he said.

"Each application for United Way funding is screened by the

citizen-review volunteers.

This involves subcommittees, or panels of about five members, visiting the agencies, meeting staff members and spending time reviewing financial information, including agency budgets and audits.

"There are at least two meetings with each agency," Payton said. A site visit gives the panel a first-hand look at the facilities and services provided. A budget review meeting has panel members inspecting the agency's books.

The members look at the type of service to be provided, the number of people to be served, the overall quality of the service, the cost of each program and how the organization spends the money it receives.

"We want to make sure the people who contribute are confident the money is used in the best way possible," Payton said.

After the two meetings, the panel gets together and discusses the agency's request. Subcommittee members are also provided with substantial background material on each agency by the United Way office staff, Payton said.

(See "WORKERS, Page 8A)



United Way volunteers gather to study and review requests for funding.

1993 Tri-Cities Area United Way allocations

Coordinated Youth Services	\$128,450
Women/Infant/Children (WIC)	\$26,000
AIDS Program	\$24,000
Drug Prevention Program	\$1,000
School programs	\$46,000
Prescription program	\$26,175
Layette/Garden Project/Emergency	\$3,275
Catholic Charities	\$99,000
Counseling programs	\$26,800
Pregnancy program	\$2,000
Financial Assistance Services	\$70,200
YMCA	\$70,000
Tri-City Chapter American Red Cross	\$63,500
Assistance to fire victims	\$15,000
Disaster relief services	\$12,125
Health and Safety Training	\$16,975
Blood program	\$9,700
Emergency communications	\$9,700
Trails West Boy Scout Council	\$60,000
Children's Home and Aid Society	\$18,000
Adoption/Foster care	\$3,000
Pregnancy/parenting/counseling	\$23,000
Day Care Services	\$23,000
Child Care Resource and Referral	\$9,000
Madison County Urban League	\$46,550
Employment Program	\$10,773
Housing Program	\$34,877
Protestant Welfare Association	\$25,000
Food Pantry	\$33,500
Clothing Center	\$1,500
Venture Grants	
Startup grants for new projects	\$35,000
Alcohol Rehabilitation Community Home	
Residential Care Treatment	\$27,500
Visiting Nurse Association	\$26,660
Phoenix Crisis Center	
Domestic Violence Victims Shelter	\$20,000
River Bluffs Girl Scout Council	\$19,215
Mobile Meals	\$15,600
Drug prevention grants	\$15,000
American Heart Association	\$14,000
United Way Youth Board	
Fund distribution for youth programs	\$10,000
Parents Plus	
Parent training	\$10,000
Senior Aides Program	
Employment program for seniors	\$9,371
Rape and sexual abuse care center	\$9,000
Come Share Program	
Food program for laid-off workers	\$9,000
Jon W. Roberts Youth Athletic Club	
Summer Youth Program	\$8,500
Pizza Health Care	
Drug prevention program	\$8,035
United Way Direct Assistance	\$7,500
Tri-Cities Association for the Handicapped	\$6,500
Illinois Center for Autism	\$5,928
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	\$5,040
Christmas in April	
Home renovations for elderly, handicapped	\$5,000
American Cancer Society	\$4,000
Madison County Hospice	\$3,500
Easter Seal Society	\$3,500
Head Life Program	
Provides medication to needy children	\$2,000
SEMC Life Line Program	\$1,800
Miscellaneous Programs	\$1,600
Protestant Counseling	\$1,200
American Lung Association	\$1,000
High School Christmas Program for needy	\$1,000
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Doctor educates community about AIDS

The physician's long, slender fingers pick up a copy of the "Physicians' Desk Reference" on the fifth shelf of the wall bookcase.

They continue by a book entitled "Clinical Oncology" and "Internal Medicine," and stop to pick up "The AIDS Knowledge Base." He opens the cover to explain its contents.

"This book has been very helpful to me in educating this community," Darren Wethers, MD, an internist on staff at St. Elizabeth Medical Center,

Granite City, said. "It has a lot of useful information which I often use."

To many in this area, Wethers could be called "the Quad City area AIDS knowledge base," since he spends much of his free time educating the community about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

"The work I do with AIDS education is part of the continuum of what I do as a physician," he said.

"It's part of hypertension, dietary management or other health concerns we face. But I've found most of the misconceptions about AIDS come from ignorance and fear. Basically, people fear AIDS because they don't understand the virus. Education helps eliminate fear by removing their ignorance."

Wethers said many people still think that sitting in the same room with someone with AIDS puts them at risk.

"This is not true. For a caretaker, nurse, or health-care worker, the risk of getting the HIV (human immunodeficiency) virus is minimal.

But they should always follow universal precautions," he said. "Everyone should be careful around blood and body fluids, not participate in unprotected intercourse and, of course, not

use illegal IV (intravenous) drugs."

"People used to contract HIV through blood transfusions, but steps have been taken to prevent this."

Wethers began formally educating others about AIDS in 1990. HIV positivity in his second-year residency at Piedmont, in Atlanta, Ga. He gave a lecture on HIV and its effect on kidneys. "My interest began in earnest as an intern in the summer of 1988," he said. "Atlanta had a greater concentration than I was exposed to in training."

"I had to learn more for myself. The skill required in caring for AIDS patients forces you to be a complete physician. You must know about every organ system, and you must be a counselor. For a general internist, AIDS is an intriguing illness."

His target categories are "women, blacks in general, heterosexuals and IV drug users."

He said women are at higher risk, since male to female transmission is greater than from women to men, and he is interested in telling teenagers about the virus.

"Young people in Illinois and the United States are becoming HIV-infected in larger rates. Those under the age of 20 have had a 77 percent increase," he said.

"Young people don't feel it applies to them. They are not immune to this virus. It is a problem for their generation."

"That's why I spend time trying to reach them. They need to know and understand it. They need to realize you can't just look at someone and tell if they are HIV positive or not."

"They also need to realize AIDS doesn't respect class lines or sex. It is an equal-opportunity destroyer."

"Education can help limit the



Dr. Darren Wethers, left, gets an update from Judith Barsame of the Illinois Department of Public Health on the newest case definition for AIDS, along with current AIDS-related figures for Madison County. (Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

spread of AIDS. If we educate young people about their behavior, there is a greater opportunity for them to change that behavior."

"HIV is not a moral or immoral illness. It doesn't search out certain ones. It searches to be fruitful and multiply, so it can copy itself."

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Wethers is part of the Metro-East AIDS Task Force, a consortium comprised of the Madison County AIDS Task Force, the St. Clair County Health Department, and the East Side Health District.

Last year, they received funds

from the Ryan White Act to help pay for patient care.

"My patients tell me over and over, 'I am not a victim of AIDS. I'm a person. I don't want pity or scorn. I want to be treated as a person.'"

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Public Aid agency says audit problems have been corrected

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Department of Public Aid has a paper trail on child support cases that will save money instead of costing money.

Many of the problems cited in a federal audit conducted more than four years ago have already been corrected, a Public Aid spokesman said.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services just got around to sending a letter to the state agency this month threatening a potential penalty of \$4.9 million in reduced federal funding if it did not submit a plan to correct paper trail problems listed by auditors in 1988.

"There has been a lot of progress since that audit. Many of the findings are outdated and have been corrected because of changes in the program since then," Public Aid spokesman Dean Schott said.

"The bottom line is we don't expect the state will lose one cent as a result."

The audit and required corrective plan from the federal agency primarily dealt with insufficient paperwork documentation from Public Aid on child support collection efforts involving people on welfare.

Auditors sampled about 600 of nearly 600,000 child support cases handled by Public Aid in 1988. The audit concluded the department did not have sufficient documentation through forms showing percentages of delinquent cases taken to court, what had been done to determine the location of potentially responsible parents and whether there had been efforts to place liens against property of delinquent parents.

"In some cases we have developed the paperwork they wanted and in others we will develop it," Schott said.

The amount of collections has been steadily increasing, from \$146 million in 1986 to an anticipated \$210 million for the current fiscal year ending June 30, he said.

A statewide computer system to track and monitor child support is being developed for the department by IBM and when it is completely on line in 1994 it will link all offices of circuit clerks and state's attorneys, Schott said.

The Madison County Circuit Clerk's office is expected to be one of the first group of counties to be on the new computerized system.

The office comptroller, Frank Miles, said he hopes it will be on line by November or December and he predicted it will substantially improve child support collection efforts affecting people on Public Aid.

The Madison County office entered into a new agreement with Public Aid in October to be primarily responsible for child support collection for welfare recipients in the county because collections by the state had dropped.

Miles said the county collection rate is about 38 percent of the delinquent payments, better than a statewide average of about 34 percent.

From the Alton Telegraph



Bill Conklin of Granite City, center, laughs at Linda Wurtz during practice for this week's performance of "Middle of the Night." At right is the play's director, Mark Nelson.

Play on time for Valentine's Day

Local man stars in love story in Collinsville

Tonight is the opening of a special play at Collinsville High School — a love story just in time for Valentine's Day.

The play, which will run through Saturday night — is special because all but two members of its cast are CHS alumni.

The play, written by Paddy Chayefsky in 1957, is called "Middle of the Night," and tells of a romance between an older man who is a widower and a 24-year-old woman.

"I saw the play years ago and really liked it," said CHS drama director Mark Nelson. "It's a perfect choice for right now."

The story is that of 63-year-old business man Jerry Kingsley, who becomes involved with the younger woman, an employee in his office. Sounds simple — but the plot thickens.

The woman just happens to be in the process of seeking a divorce from her husband, who is a musician. While the husband is performing in Las Vegas, he receives a "Dear John" letter from his wife, who also has poured her heart out to her new found love in the office.

The families of the older man and young woman aren't very happy about their affair. And the girl is confused about her choices for the future.

A small amount of re-writing had to be done by Nelson to bring the play up to date.

"Most of the people in the play

have been after me for years to do an alumni show," he said. "A lot of them are married, engaged, or divorced, so they can relate to this play more so than when I had them in high school."

Nelson, director at CHS for the last 20 years, said the cast came together pretty easily because many still come to see CHS plays, and he frequently sees some of them in other social settings. No try-outs were needed.

"We've really grown to be friends over the years," said Bill Conklin, who has the leading role of Kingsley, about Nelson. Conklin is a Granite City resident who graduated from CHS in 1977. He works as an assistant office manager at a Granite City law firm.

Conklin got interested in acting while in one of Nelson's classes. He said Nelson asked him to do a reading in class that was mostly ad-lib and very little memorization.

"When I finished, there were a few girls in the class wiping their eyes," Conklin said. After class, Nelson, obviously impressed, stopped Conklin and asked him to try out for the school play.

"I made up a thousand excuses why I couldn't," Conklin said, adding that he really believed acting wasn't something he wanted to do.

But Conklin finally agreed to

try out. The rest is history.

He is now very active with Miners Theater, and was in the production of "Dracula" last October. He also participated in other alumni plays at CHS in the mid-80s.

The other "Middle of the Night" cast members and year of graduation are as follows: Karen Fitzgerald, 1990; Maggi Burnes, 1986; Tamara Millay, 1985; Jaine Wasser, 1991; Robin Bettonville, 1990; Tim Roustio, 1986; Jerry Dallape, 1989; and Shelly Stuart, 1987.

CHS junior Heather Dallape is also a cast member, along with Collinsville resident Linda Wurtz, who did not attend CHS.

Wurtz said she was asked by Nelson to perform in the play because he has seen her act in plays before at Miners Theater, where she is also on the board of directors.

Wurtz said she is in contact with Nelson regularly because her son, Jason, is involved in CHS theater and she attends plays there.

"Mark Nelson is such a genius," Wurtz said. "Collinsville High School is so lucky to have a man of his talent in that school."

"Middle of the Night" will be on stage in the CHS Lecture Hall Feb. 11, 12, and 13 at 7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$3 and may be purchased from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the main office of the school, or in Room 118.

Tickets will also be available at the door, but Nelson warns that seated is limited to 125 per night.

Workers

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panel then makes a recommendation to the entire committee on funding for the agency.

In most instances, the recommendations are approved, Payton said, because all members of the committee serve on the panels and know what goes into each recommendation.

The distribution process is made difficult by the limited amount of funds available to meet limitless needs.

How do you decide who has the greater need among a senior citizen needing home health care, an autistic child, or a teenager in need of drug or alcohol treatment?

"We have been fortunate to reach our drive goal for the past few years, but these are limited funds," Payton said. "There is always more need than there is money to meet those needs."

In order to insure efficiency in the fund allocations, duplication of services is a key consideration of the committee.

"The process does get complicated. We want to make sure there are no duplications of services," Payton said.

That process not only insures efficiency, but can also work to improve what the agency provides. "It helps the agency focus on what it does best," he said.

Anyone interested in serving as a United Way volunteer can call 877-6780 for more information.

Jenkins receives UMR scholarship

University of Missouri-Rolla student Andrew M. Jenkins of Granite City has received a non-resident scholarship of \$2,300 from the Mines and Metallurgy Department.

The award is for the 1992 fall semester.

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Obituaries

Anthony Weible

Anthony (Tony) Weible, 33, of Granite City, was pronounced dead at 10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center Emergency Room after suffering an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Weible was born May 22, 1959, in Bonne Terre, Mo. Survivors include his father, Darrell Weible of Granite City; his mother, Janis Weible of Granite City; a brother, Kenneth Weible of Granite City; and a sister, Kathleen Parker of Granite City. Arrangements are pending at Irwin Chapel, 931-8000.

Georgie Brankov

Georgie Francis (Schoenberger) Brankov, 89, of Collinsville, formerly of Madison, died at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1993, at Collinsville Care Rest Center, Collinsville, where she had resided for nine years. She had been ill for five years.

Born in Edwardsville on June 4, 1903, she lived in Madison for many years. She was employed as a bartender for 40 years, retiring in 1977. She was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include her son, Bobby Brankov of Granite City; a brother, Walter Schoffra of Edwardsville; two sisters, Helen Lofland and Dorothy Ely, both of Granite City; six grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Mary Schoenberger, and three brothers, Art, John and Joseph Schoffra.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. today at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, where services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, with the Rev. Harold Maynard officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

Patricia Miller

Patricia A. (Mueller) Miller, 55, of Granite City, died at 2:20 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1993, at her residence.

Born in St. Louis on May 31, 1937, she had been a resident of Granite City for 30 years. She was a homemaker and was of the Catholic faith.

She was a member of Eight and Forty St. Clair County Salon 148 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 113 in Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, Leonard "Duke" Miller of Granite City, whom she married June 2, 1956, in Madison; two sons, George Miller of Granite City and Mark Miller of Pontiac, Mich.; two daughters, Cindy Miller of Granite City and Stacey Kelle of Delwood, Mo.; two brothers, Ronald Mueller of Cahokia and Frank Mueller of Highland; two sisters, Betty Allen of St. Louis and Rose Mary Neal of Cahokia; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leslie and Mary Smith Mueller, and a sister, Mary Keck.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8

p.m. today at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, where Eight and Forty St. Clair County Salon 148 services will be held at 7 p.m. today. Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday at Thomas Chapel, with the Rev. James VanOort officiating. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County. Memorials are suggested for Hospice of Southern Illinois.

Grace Lensing

Grace V. (Baker) Lensing, 89, of Granite City, died at 1:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1993, at Eden Village Care Center, Glen Carbon, where she had been a resident since October 1989.

Born in Elvins, Mo., on Nov. 5, 1903, she resided in Granite City for 69 years. She was a homemaker and a member of Dewey Avenue United Methodist Church. Survivors include her daughter, Wilma J. Pulaski of Granite City; two grandsons, Brad Pulaski of East Alton and Jeffrey Pulaski of Granite City; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leslie Lensing, who died in 1963; her parents, George and Mary (Vandergriff) Baker; and a daughter, Flora Mae Lensing, who died in 1990.

Visitation was held Wednesday at Davis Funeral Home, Granite City, where services were held at 10 a.m. today, with the Rev. Norman C. Sloan officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested for Dewey Avenue United Methodist Church, Granite City.

Delores McDonald

Delores McDonald, 40, of Venice died at 9:55 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, 1993, in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City.

Born in St. Louis on July 13, 1952, she was a lifelong resident of the Metro East area. She was a member of the One Way Apostolic Church, located at East St. Louis.

Survivors include her husband, Elder Harvey McDonald Jr. of Venice; three children, Delora McDonald, Harvey McDonald Jr. and Eric Wayne; five foster children; her parents, Jack and Doris M. Williams; four brothers, James Williams of St. Louis, Jack Williams Jr. of East St. Louis and Melvin and Marshall Williams, both of Alton; and four sisters, Betty J. Rule and Linda Lyman, both of East St. Louis, Wendy Adams of Fairview Heights and Margaret Edwards of Belleville.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, at Officer Funeral Home Chapel, 2114 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis, where services will be held at noon Saturday at One Way Apostolic Church of Christ, 2001 Market St., East St. Louis.

Mr. McDonald, Harvey McDonald Jr. and Elder Harvey McDonald Jr. delivering the eulogy and Elder Harvey McDonald officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt.

Annie Johnson

Annie Johnson, 70, of Madison died at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City, where she had been a patient for nine days.

She was born in Crystal Springs, Miss., on May 14, 1922.

Survivors include five sons, Sammy Johnson and Jesse Johnson, both of Gary, Ind., and Charles Johnson, Isaac Johnson and Stephen Johnson, all of Columbus, Ga.; three daughters, Elizabeth Turner of East St. Louis, Eva Sharp of Madison and Donna Johnson of Bloomington, Minn.; a brother, Jesse Mack of Gary; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Officer Funeral Home Chapel, East St. Louis, with the Rev. Ivory Bailey officiating. Her remains were taken Wednesday evening to the Gary area for burial at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Hobart, Ind.

Florence Perry

Florence Ann Perry, 75, of East St. Louis died at 8:28 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, 1993, at her residence.

Born in Earl, Ark., on July 28, 1917, she had been a resident of East St. Louis for 50 years.

Before retiring, she was employed as a cook. She was a member of St. Paul Baptist Church, East St. Louis.

Survivors include her sister, Doris Williams of Belleville; a granddaughter, Janice Willis of Belleville; and a great-granddaughter, LaVicki Willis of Belleville.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 9 p.m. today, with wake services and family visitation from 6 to 8 p.m., at Officer Funeral Home Chapel, 2114 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Paul Baptist Church, East St. Louis, with the Rev. Obie Rish officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt.

Herman Williams

Herman Williams, 48, of East St. Louis died Sunday, Feb. 7, 1993, at his residence.

Born in Brooklyn, Ill., on April 18, 1944, he was a lifelong resident of the Metro East area. He was formerly employed as a cook.

Survivors include his mother, Frankie Williams of Madison; three sisters, Eddie Mae Barbee and Rosalyn Gray, both of Madison, and Gladys Thomas of East St. Louis; and six brothers, George Williams Jr. of Compton, Calif., Leo Williams, Harry Williams and Orlando Williams, all of Madison, the Rev. Willie Williams of Edwardsville and Elmer Williams of Venice.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Friday at Officer Funeral Home Chapel, 2114 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis, where services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, with the Rev. Willie Williams officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt.

Trivia

On March 8, 1871, a tornado hit the St. Louis levee, destroying a large number of steamboats. The tornado then crossed the Mississippi River — carrying bits of the steamboats with it — and destroyed much of Kinderhook, Six Mile Prairie, and the village of Naomoki.

An administrative law judge for the Illinois Human Rights Commission had ordered Sheriff Bob Church to turn over the files to her by Feb. 2.

She said the Illinois Supreme Court has ruled that personnel files are not privileged in such investigations.

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Stack in January granted a temporary restraining order against disclosure of records, but lifted the order Monday.

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Mandates

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State Sen. Frank Watson, R-Greenville, wasn't at Wednesday's meeting, but has helped lead the fight to end unfunded mandates for 12 years. He said he's confident the constitutional amendment will pass, in part because the voters have shown such strong support.

"I've always felt that mandates have caused a lot of the financial burdens that is hurting local governments," Watson said on Wednesday.

Madison County Regional Superintendent of Schools Harry Briggs said two examples of unfunded mandates are special education and transportation. State funds 89 percent for transportation and 85 percent of special education, leaving local districts to pick up the rest.

Nelson Hagauer, Madison County Board chairman, said the county is going to have to spend money to improve the county detention home, because of state mandate.

"It may not be the priority of the county board, but that's what we're going to have to do," he said. "They want to mandate these programs, but they don't

want to tell us where we're going to get the money for them."

State Reps. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, and Art Grandberg, D-Centralia, attended Tuesday's meeting and spoke in favor of the measure. Grandberg is sponsoring the measure in the Illinois House.

There is currently an anti-amendment measure on the books, the State Mandates Act of 1981. But officials said Wednesday that the act has large loopholes, and is easily ignored.

Grandberg said the state legislature has passed 237 acts since 1981 that are unfunded mandates on local government, amounting to about \$200 million.

Watson, who was a co-sponsor of the 1981 Act, said it would be much harder to get around a constitutional amendment.

"Right now, we exempt most legislation from the act, if it's considered a mandate," Watson said. "I think what we're going to do is require a three-fifths vote to exempt it. And if it's a simple majority, we would have to provide funding."

Grandberg agreed.

"The weight of the Constitutional Amendment, I think will make it almost prohibitive ... that we could get a vote to pass a law without providing funding for local government," he said.

Collinsville Councilman George Gillespie, who attended the meeting, said he favors the amendment.

"I'm all for it," he said. "The last thing we want is for people to tell us to do things and not tell us where we're going to get the money to do it."

"Fallon Mayor Kristi Vetri also said she supported the effort, but added that federal mandates are even more of a problem.

"I think this is a great first step to get the mandates under control in the state of Illinois ... But the city of O'Fallon, and the city of Belleville, and maybe some of these other cities have a desperate problem with mandates imposed by the federal government."

Vetri said the federal Americans with Disabilities Act is forcing the city of O'Fallon to build a new city hall, and that the city has had to issue millions of dollars in bonds to meet U.S. Environmental Protection Agency mandates.

Funeral services

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

BOLIN, Gerald Dean, 50, of Mitchell was pronounced dead at 7:46 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1993, at his home. Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, where services will be held at 9 a.m. Friday by the Rev. John Gamin. Burial will be at Long Point Cemetery, Neoga, Ill.

BRYAN, Virginia L. (Carpenter), 74, of Granite City died at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1993, at Notre Dame Health Care Center, Belleville. Services were held at 10 a.m. today at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. David Fielding. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

FRICKE, Edna D., 87, of Granite City died at 9:33 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, 1993, at home. Services were held Tuesday at Mercer Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Michael Hart. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to Concordia Lutheran Church.

HADDIX, William A., 45, of Granite City died at 7:31 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City, where he was held Monday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Peter O'Sullivan. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to American Heart Association.

KOONCE, Metty (Tilley), 91, of Dickson, Calif., a former local resident, died Sunday, Feb. 7, 1993, in Dickson. Graveside and Eastern Star services were held Wednesday at Dickson Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Dickson United Methodist Church, Dickson, by the Rev. Kathy Morris. Arrangements are by Carpenter Funeral Home in California. Memorials to Dickson United Methodist Church.

LEIGH, Opal H. (Thompson), 85, of North Portland, Ore., formerly of Granite City, died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1993, at home. Services were held Saturday at Rose City Baptist Church, Portland. Her remains were cremated and will be buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County. Arrangements and Lumbard Little Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home, Portland.

MCDOWELL, Myrtle (Carter) Emmons-McDowell, 91, of Granite City died at 1:10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Dr. Bob Jones. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to Grace Baptist Church, Granite City.

MEANS, Lee W. (Wallace), 89, of Granite City died at 12:37 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, 1993, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. Graveside services were held Tuesday at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon, by the Rev. Dr. Bob Jones. Arrangements were by Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City.

MEANS, Terry H. Sr., 45, of Granite City was pronounced dead at 4:55 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, 1993, at home. Services were held Monday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Ernie Cobb. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

MOJZIS, Robert A., 44, of Freeburg died Friday, Feb. 5, 1993, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville. Mass was celebrated Monday at St. Albans, Belleville, by the Rev. James Jansen. Burial was at Lake View Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were by Kassy Colonial Mortuary, Fairview Heights.

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NELSON, Ruby L. (Davis), 70, of Jerseyville, formerly of Granite City, died Saturday, Feb. 6, 1993, at Jersey Community Hospital, Jerseyville. Services were held Wednesday at Jacoby Funeral Home, Jerseyville, by the Rev. Home Jensen. Her remains will be cremated.

RHODIG, Darrel A., 71, of Lakeland, Fla., died at home at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, 1993. His remains were cremated. Graveside services and burial will be held Monday, Feb. 15, in Vichy, Mo. Memorials to American Cancer Society or Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children.

RIGGS, Mildred, 83, of Edwardsville died at 2:10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1993, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. Visitation was held Sunday at Officer Funeral Home, St. Louis. Services were held Sunday at New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Venice, by the Rev. John Henry Williams. Burial was at Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt.

VIDAN, Mileva, 70, of Granite City died Sunday, Feb. 7, 1993, at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis. Services were held Wednesday at Holy Trinity Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church, St. Louis, by the Rev. Radomir Khakovich. Burial was at Mount Hope Cemetery, Lemay, Mo. Arrangements were by Schnur Funeral Home, St. Louis. Memorials to Holy Trinity Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church Choir, 3125 Lafayette, St. Louis, Mo.

WINTERS, Sandra M. (Cook), 48, of Fairmont City died at 4:18 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1993, at Memorial Hospital, Belleville. Services were held Monday at Kassy Colonial Mortuary, Fairview Heights, by the Rev. Wayne Muskat. Burial was at Valley View Gardens of Memory, Edwardsville.

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Young at Heart Club plans trip

The January meeting of Holy Family Young at Heart Club was called to order by President Margaret Kwiatkowski. Father Casimir Kiemal led members in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Cecilia Mance, recording secretary, and treasurer's report was given by Louise Kovar. Correspondence was read by Cecilia Mance, correspondence secretary. Winnie Kelly, friendship chairman, reported mailing three get-well cards and two sympathy cards. Publicity report was given by Ann Kovach and Elizabeth McCoy, membership chairman, reported 58 members in attendance, including new member Anna Vasquez. Irma Manning, trip chairman, reported on a trip to Steelville, Mo., May 29. A stop will be made in Bourbon, Mo., for Mass. A second trip is planned to the Shrine of St. Anne, St. Anne, Ill., July 26. Kwiatkowski announced Young at Heart will be host and hostess on March 5 to the World Day of Prayer. A luncheon is to be served after the prayer meeting. Kwiatkowski thanked the ladies who helped serve refreshments after each Mass on Dec. 27 and

those who brought the wonderful assortment of home-made cookies. She also thanked members of the refreshment committee for their work in the kitchen.

Kwiatkowski announced a corn beef and cabbage dinner to be held at the March meeting. Mary Rita Ahlers and Ruth Rotter, refreshment committee, made arrangements for the dinner to be served by Petri Catering. Members must turn in their reservations to either Mary Rita Ahlers and Ruth Rotter no later than March 3.

Members brought donations of food for the food pantry. President Kwiatkowski reported the monies collected in November allowed for the purchase of six boxes through the Share Program.

Members sang "Happy Birthday" to Leatrice Thebeau. Attendance prizes were won by Tim Dineen, Louise Kovar, Rose Mary Rudy, Eva Six, Irma Manning, Eleanor Minnick, Margaret Noeth, George Sotiroff, Lucille Caban and Rose Mary Breyer.

During the remainder of the evening, members enjoyed games of bingo.

Next meeting will be held on Feb. 15.



Mathcounts' competitors, pictured, front row from left, are: Sangelita Kumar, Melanie Gensert, Krislyn Niggli; back row: Mary Ann Gensert (math coach), Josh Hill, Mike Kubelka, John Mills and Carol Mathes (algebra teacher).

Students in Mathcounts program

Six students from St. Elizabeth's School in Granite City are preparing to compete in the chapter contest of the national Mathcounts program on Feb. 20 at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville. The contest has been organized by the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers.

The four "mathletes" who will compete are Melanie Gensert, Mike Kubelka, Sangelita Kumar and John Mills. The two alternatives are Josh Hill and Krislyn Niggli. All are 8th grade students in Carol Mathes' algebra class.

The "mathletes" are being coached by Mary Ann Gensert, a math instructor at Belleville Area College, Granite City.

They will compete individually and as teams in written and fast-paced oral matches. Subjects include probability, statistics, linear algebra and polynomials. Winners will receive prizes and advance to the state finals.

Mathcounts is a nationwide program designed to meet the problem of declining math skills among US students. Sponsor target 7th and 8th graders who are at a crucial stage in developing and sustaining interest and ability in math.

Sponsors are the National Society of Professional Engineers, CNA Insurance Companies, Cray Research Foundation, General Motors

Financial Instruments Incorporated, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Playwright wins \$5,000 grant

Edwardsville playwright and part-time Belleville Area College English instructor Wayne Crome was awarded \$5,000 from the Illinois Arts Council for his play "Counterpane," which explores the process of aging. The process does not always go as happily as you would like," explained Crome, a 57-year-old employment professional for the state of Illinois.

"Everyone has a story and this is mine," Crome said. "It's not finished yet — my coming to terms with middle age." The play takes its name from an English children's poem "The Land of Counterpane," and is one of the few semi-autobiographical plays that Crome has attempted. Crome, who has a master's degree in English and a bachelor's in music theory, began writing plays 12 years ago.

"I was always interested in writing. After several unsuccessful fiction attempts, I entered a one-act play contest as a fluke. I found that I like it," said Crome. The first play didn't win any prizes but, said Crome, "I realized this is what I should have been doing all along."

"Counterpane" has not yet been formally produced, although it has had a few "staged readings" part of the development process for a play.

Other plays written by Crome have received acclaim as well. "McGonagall," a play about the Scottish poet, was fully produced in 1987 at the University of Missouri.

Another play submitted to the Illinois Arts Council in 1990 won a finalist award of \$500. The 1993 Artists Fellowship Award is the largest sum of money Crome has won for a play.

Artists Fellowship Awards, non-matching grants of \$5,000 and \$10,000, were distributed by the Illinois Arts Council to 41 Illinois artists for 1993. In addition, 14 artists received finalist awards totaling \$7,000. This year's recipients were selected from among 720 creative artists working in the disciplines of choreography, crafts, media arts, playwrighting/screenwriting and visual arts.



Crome

Amvets Auxiliary receives thanks

President Betty Wilkins presided over a recent meeting of Amvets Auxiliary 51.

Chaplain Ann Tucker gave the opening prayer. Acting Sergeant at Arms Betty Clements led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Mary Breeze read the minutes of the last meeting. Breeze also read thank-you notes from three servicemen who received Christmas packages from Auxiliary 51. Thank-you notes from those receiving Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets were also read.

Child Welfare Chairman Barbara Copeland reported at Christmas she presented deserving children the used bicycles and tricycles that were donated by Patrick Breeze.

Parliamentarian Shirley Schienhsang read Auxiliary 51's by-laws with some proposed changes. These changes will be voted on at the next regular meeting of the Auxiliary.

President Wilkins announced the United Veterans Association will hold a Chicken and Beer Dance at 7 p.m. on Saturday. The dance will be held at Amvets Post 204, 1711 Kennedy Drive, Madison.

Winner of the 50-50 drawing was Bonnie Liebold, hostess Janet Harmon served refreshments following the meeting.

Gospel drama set Monday at Shrine

Michael Reardon will give voice and form to "The Gospel of Luke," a spectacular and dramatic proclamation of the Gospel at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows on Monday, Feb. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

Director is Patrick Lane. Reardon proclaims "The Gospel of Luke" following the Jerusalem Bible text. Special lighting and colorful costuming designed by Lane adds a dramatic element to the words of Luke, delivered word for word and from memory.

Reardon has committed to memory the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and proclaims them dramatically worldwide. He is a native of Anaconda, Mont., and this is his full-time work.

Lane is a native of Morrill, Neb. Both men are based out of San Francisco.

They have taken their performances to more than 500 cities throughout the United States, as well as to Canada, Japan, Hong Kong, the Republic of China, Europe and Israel.

In Rome, they performed at the Biblical Institute of the Gregorian University and at the American Church of Santa Susanna, and in Vatican City at North American College.

Their performances have also taken them to the cradle of Christianity: Jerusalem, Capernaum, Tiberias, Nazareth and the towns along the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

The Rev. Robert Eimer, OMI, of the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows invites the public to attend. Tickets (\$5) may be purchased at the Information Desk at the Shrine.

For additional information, call Barb Reynolds at the Shrine, 397-6700 (TTY), or from St. Louis 241-3400 (TTY).

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Briefly

Dettwiler graduates with honors

The University of Missouri-Rolla recognizes the scholarship of those students earning bachelor's degrees by placing the designation "summa cum laude," or "magna cum laude" on their diplomas.

Neil D. Dettwiler of Granite City graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science in computer science. The designation is given for a grade-point average of 3.5 to 3.79 on a 4.0 scale.

Raez named to honor

University of South Alabama has announced that Rebecca L. Raez of Granite City was among 1,322 students who qualified for one or more scholastic honors during the fall quarter recently ended. Raez was named a president's scholar for achieving a perfect grade-point average of 4.0.

Baker on dean's list

Jennifer Baker, a freshman at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, has been named to the fall semester dean's list. Jennifer earned a 3.6 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

She is the daughter of Mike and Judy Baker of Granite City and is planning to major in business at the University of Kentucky.

Kessel gets degree

Dr. Helen Elsbernd, vice president of educational affairs and dean of the college, has announced the following students as graduates of Telkys Marycrest University:

Patti J. Kessel of Granite City, who was awarded a master of science in computer science.

Anders named to dean's list

Debra E. Anders of Granite City was named to the dean's list at Drury College for the fall 1992 semester. The dean's list includes all full-time students whose grade point average is at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale.

McCormick receives honor

Michael McCormick, who is attending graduate school at Central Missouri State University, received straight A's and is on the dean's list.

Michael will receive his master's degree in industrial safety management. He is the son of Larry and Gayle McCormick of Granite City.

Reed named to honor role

Kristi Reed has been named to the dean's high honor roll at Texas A and M University for the fall semester with a grade point average of 4.0 on a 4.0 scale.

She is the daughter of Jerry and Jo Reed of Salem, formerly of Granite City.

A 1991 graduate of Granite City High School, Reed is a marine biology major.

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Alisa Nelson
and Al Sutherland

Nelson- Sutherland

Alisa Dawn Nelson, daughter of William and Karen Nelson of Granite City, and Al Sutherland, son of Alvin Sutherland Sr. of Indiana and Patsy Wofford of St. Jacob, Ill., have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Nelson, of Granite City, is a 1988 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1992 graduate of Illinois State University. She is employed by County Seat as a manager.

Her fiancé, a 1987 graduate of Granite City High School, is a petty officer second class in the U.S. Navy, stationed at Mobile, Ala.

The couple is planning a May 1993 wedding at First Assembly of God Church in Granite City.

Amy Willaredt
and Thomas Miller

Willaredt- Miller

Amy Ann Willaredt, daughter of Richard and Janice Willaredt of Granite City, and Thomas Eugene Miller, son of Daryl and Rita Miller of Normal, Ill., have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Willaredt resides in Bloomington, Ill. A 1989 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1992 cum laude graduate of Illinois State University with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education, she is planning to teach in Bloomington.

Her fiancé is a 1985 graduate of Normal Community High School and a 1990 graduate of Illinois State University with a bachelor degree in business administration. He is employed by Miller Janitor Supply of Normal as a sales representative and purchasing agent.

The couple is planning a July 17, 1993, wedding at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City.

Lisa Clutts
and Ron Phillips

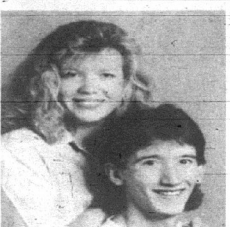
Clutts- Phillips

Lisa Ione Clutts, daughter of Roger and Cindy Clutts of Granite City, and Ron Phillips, son of Don and Judy Phillips of Poyhontas, Ill., have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-to-be, of Granite City, is a 1989 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1991 graduate of Belleville Area College as a certified respiratory therapist. She is employed by St. Louis Children's Hospital as a respiratory therapist.

Her fiancé is a 1974 graduate of Belleville East High School and a 1978 graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry. He is employed by Ethyl Corp. of St. Louis as a research analyst.

The couple is planning an Oct. 2 wedding at Peace Lutheran Church of Belleville.

Edith Hard
and Jim Terzioviski

Hard- Terzioviski

Edith Hard, daughter of Wesley Hard of St. Louis, and Jim Terzioviski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Kristoff of Granite City, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-to-be, of Granite City, is a 1986 graduate of Edwardsville Senior High School and is currently a junior at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, majoring in accounting. She is employed by Magna Bank of Madison County in Granite City as a teller.

Her fiancé is a 1986 graduate of Granite City High School and is currently attending Belleville Area College, majoring in business. He is also a teller at Magna Bank of Madison County.

The couple is planning a May 7, 1994, wedding at First Presbyterian Church in Granite City.

Births

Zane Cooper
Paul and Dana Cooper of Collinsville have announced the birth of their first child, a boy, born at 1:25 a.m. Jan. 19, 1993, at Jewish Hospital.

The baby has been named Zane Alan. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Maternal grandparents are Rosemary Schol of Belleville and Donald Goodwin of Robinson, Ill.

Paternal grandparents are Paul and Ruth Cooper of Granite City.

Carlos Briegas Jr.
Jennifer Edwards and Carlos Briegas of Granite City are parents of a boy born at 12:05 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, 1992, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named Carlos Isreal Briegas Jr.; he weighed 6 pounds and 14 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mark Edwards of Edwardsville and Paula Edwards of Fairmont City.

Paternal grandparents are Martin and Hilda Briegas of Granite City.

The couple has one other child, Gina Michelle, 2.

Sandra Allen
Krista and James Allen of Granite City are parents of a girl born at 9:07 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, 1992, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named Sandra Mary Katrina Allen; she weighed 9 pounds and 6 ounces.

The mother is the former Krista Filcuff.

Maternal grandparents are Jerry and Sandra Singleton and George Filcuff Jr., all of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Ray and Sheila Allen and the late Mary Allen, all of Collinsville.

The couple has three other children: Errity Jones and Brandy Jones, 6 year-old twins, and Ashley Jones, 4.

Ronald Walker Cox
Tonya Walker of Pontoon Beach is the mother of a boy born Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1992, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named Ronald Romell Walker Cox; he weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces.

Maternal grandmother is Brunetta W. Cox of Pontoon Beach.

James Samuels III
Maria Chiller and James Samuels of Madison are parents of a boy born Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1992, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The infant has been named James Lee Samuels III; he weighed 6 pounds and 10 ounces.

Maternal grandmother is Lee Flora Chiller of Madison.

The couple has one other child, Jermon Chiller, 2.

Salon 53 discusses plans for party

Madison County Salon 53 of the Eight and Forty held its monthly meeting at the American Legion in Highland on Tuesday, Jan. 19. Lunch was served to 15 members by the hostesses, Georgia Pollard, Betty Leroy and Angles Kirstein.

The business meeting was conducted by Shirley Landolt, Chapeau, from Alhambra.

Kathryn Roberts, children and youth chairman, thanked all for the ditty bags and items to fill them for the National Jewish Center in Denver. These will be taken in April. Donations were made to the Gateway Chapter of Cystic Fibrosis and the Children's Memorial and Wylers hospitals in Chicago.

The attendance prize was won by Frances Cowley.

Future events were discussed. A card party will be held in August. A tasting party will be held in May, with salads and desserts featured.

It was voted to renew the subscriptions for "My Big Backyard" and "Hanger Rick" magazines for the National Jewish Center in Denver.

Plans were discussed for the Chapeau Party to be held in May at the Hanger Restaurant in Hamel. Marjorie Rosenthal will be in charge of the program.

A songfest was held led by the music chairman, Marjorie Rosenthal. Bingo was enjoyed by all following the meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Venice-Madison 307 on Feb. 16.

Those attending from this area were: Dorothy Hinson, Norma Hillmer, Frances Cowley and Loretta Ziegler.

Stacey Harrison
and Carlos DeProw

Harrison- DeProw

Stacey Jean Harrison, daughter of Richard and Linda Harrison of Granite City, and Carlos Gene DeProw, son of Gwin and John Tollison of Collinsville and grandson of James and Bert Cooley of Collinsville, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Stacey is a 1992 graduate of Granite City High School and is employed as a certified nurse's aide at Villa Gesu in St. Louis.

Her fiancé is a 1982 graduate of Collinsville High School and is employed at Granite City Steel. Both are attending Belleville Area College.

The couple is planning a May wedding.

Cathey
65 years

John and Frances Cathey celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Jan. 31, 1993.

An open house was held at the Granite City Township Hall.

John Cathey and the former Frances Boring were married at Bear Spring, Tenn., on Feb. 3, 1928.

He is retired from Granite City Steel where he worked for 31 years. Frances is retired from International Shoe Co.

They are the parents of one son, Bobby J. Cathey of Granite City.

There is one grandson.

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By RICK REED
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Sometimes an employment contract will contain a provision which attempts to restrict employees from competing with their employer when the employment is terminated. These so-called "restrictive covenants" are used primarily in service occupations where there is a threat that the former employee will use the employer's customer lists, trade secrets or other confidential information. These interests often conflict with the employee's right to pursue his customary occupation.

In Illinois, restrictive covenants are valid when they are reasonable as to time and territory and the restriction is reasonably necessary to protect the interest of the employer. However, since restrictive covenants are a restraint of trade, they are disfavored by the Courts. The Courts will enforce only such provisions as are reasonably necessary to prevent improper and unfair competition. A recent case will help illustrate the facts and circumstances upon which the Court's decision will turn.

In 1964, a doctor entered into an employment contract with a medical corporation. A restrictive covenant contained in the contract provided that in the event the doctor left his employment, he would not compete with his employer for a period of three years nor in the counties where his employer was operating.

The contract also provided that the covenant could be released by the doctor paying his employer the sum of \$50,000.

In 1985, immediately after the doctor terminated his employment, he set up a competing practice in the same county where his former employer was practicing medicine. The doctor argued that the covenant was void and unenforceable because it placed an unreasonable geographic restriction upon his practice of medicine. However, the Court noted that the doctor did not innocently open his own practice in an area in which he was unaware that his former employer was operating. On the contrary, he started a practice in direct violation of the covenant. The Court therefore refused to void the restrictive covenant.

It should also be noted that the doctor in this case has obtained patient lists and other confidential information during his former employment. Sometimes the contract contains a restrictive covenant which prevents the employee from practicing his trade at all for an indefinite period of time. Such covenants will most likely be voided by the Court. However, if the geographic area stated in the contract is simply too large, the Court may, in effect, rewrite the contract and limit the covenant to a smaller area.

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Skaters

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played against a National Conference team. Granite City also played exhibition games this season against Vianney and Parkway North. The Warriors tied Vianney 3-3 and lost to Parkway North 7-5.

With all said and done, Hinterser said, the alignment worked out for the best for the entire league.

"I liked the format this year," Hinterser said. "The league set out to have some more competitive games than in the past, and I think that was accomplished. Most nights, either team had a chance to come out victorious. There weren't too many 15-goal games."

Even the high-scoring Warriors did not turn that trick this season. After winning 16 straight games, Granite City ended the regular season with three ties in a row.

The Warriors almost saw their unbeaten streak come to an end against Parkway Central, which bolted to a 4-1 lead in the first two periods. The Colts dominated play for most of the first period and all of the second period.

"We kind of sat back and let them do it," Hinterser said. "They're an upper-level team, and we just let them beat us to the punch."

The Warriors looked strong early. After Lee Kleiner gave the Colts a 1-0 lead with a goal at 1:54, Chris Goclan scored a shorthanded goal at 3:21. The Warriors were down two players at the time, and Jaros and Aaron Reeves assisted on the play.

"We started out skating real well," Hinterser said.

But Parkway Central quickly took control thereafter, netting a goal at 10:34 and capitalizing on two power-play situations to begin the second period.

The Colts converted on the power play twice in the first two minutes of the second period to take a three-goal lead. Kleiner and Brad Kranson both beat Warrior goaltender John Nappier, who was coming off a two-game absence related to a suspension earned while playing for an Affton, Mo., midjet team.

John Nappier was rusty," Hinterser said. "He let a couple of rebounds in, and their goals were of the soft nature."

"In the third period, he really got tough and the whole team started turning it around. That was a big key. We were a lot



(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

Flying high — U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello recently presented the Granite City Warrior Hockey Club with a United States flag. Pictured from left are, front row: Warrior Coach Jake Hinterser; team members Zach Phillips, Mike Poole and Ryan Penrod; Costello; team members Chris Valencia, Matt Wilson, Aaron Meyers, Steve Siede, Craig Wagner and Chris Goclan. Back row: Len Reville of the Granite City Amateur Hockey Association; Park Board member George Sykes; Madison County Board Chairman Nelson Hagnauer; ice rink manager Gary Ford; Warrior Aaron Reeves; Park Board President Nancy Sanders-Miles; Park Board member Barry Loman; Hockey Club President Sandy Crites and Park District Program Director Steve Kessel.

more aggressive."

Nappier turned away nine Parkway Central shots in the third period, and Jaros simply took over on offense. Jaros recorded a natural hat trick, scoring at 2:14, 2:58 and 3:49.

Jaros scored his first goal on an assist by Aaron Meyers, and his second goal was unassisted. The senior defenseman's third goal was assisted by Rick Whyres.

Hinterser said Jaros' outburst came as no surprise to him.

"He's that good," Hinterser said. "They shadowed him and Goclan the whole game, and he still scored. One of their defensemen, Trevor Henry, was supposed to stay on him the whole game."

"They didn't have their normal goaltender, so there's no telling what might have happened. But Mike's shots were rockets."

The Warriors outshot the Colts 21-18. The game was fast-paced,

and Nappier and the Warriors had to withstand a late rally by Parkway Central to salvage the tie.

"It was just a well-played game," Hinterser said. "I was pleased. There was some good hitting, and it was a good comeback for us."

The Warriors will now gear up for the Mid-States playoffs. Granite City will start the postseason Monday night at the North County Rink. Pairings were unavailable at press time. Hinterser is taking the team to Little Rock, Ark., this weekend to play a couple of practice games against two teams from Memphis, Tenn. The well-deserved trip should keep the Warriors sharp for the playoffs.

"It's been a real good year," Hinterser said. "We're going to try and take some of the pressure off and have some fun. 'It'll keep the kids skating, and we'll try to get up for the playoffs.'"

Local golfer records ace at Arlington club

Paul Zimmer shot a hole-in-one Feb. 3 on the 13th hole at Arlington Golf Club. Zimmer scored the ace with an 8-iron on the 160-yard hole.

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Granite City Park District board approves new age requirements

The Granite City Park District Board of Commissioners recently enacted a new rule pertaining to the age requirements for boys in the Atom I baseball program and girls in the Atom ponytail softball program.

The park board approved a rule recommended by the baseball/ponytail softball rules and protest committee. The reason for the change is to allow boys and girls play against others who are in the same grade of school. The old rule required children to be born in the same calendar year, which creates conflicts with the age requirements used in school districts.

For the year 1994, all boys and girls who start playing organized

ball in the district must be born between Sept. 1, 1985, and Aug. 31, 1986.

The same rule will apply for 1993, this season, with an exception. The rule for this year shall read: Boys and girls born between Sept. 1, 1984, and Dec. 31, 1985, shall be able to participate in the Atom I Division of baseball and ponytail softball.

The rule covers the children born in September through December who would be excluded if the new rule were to go into effect this year. Those born in that period will not be allowed to move down next year, but will continue to play in the division in which they began.

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Sectional

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Mike Garland said "This is what you work for all year. It's a steppingstone to the ultimate goal, going to the state tournament and getting a medal."

It's all up to the kids now. They have to go with what has been successful all year. Our job as coaches is done. All I really do at this time of the year is work on the basics.

Granite City has been led this year by two-time state qualifier Pat Scheffer, who is gunning for a return trip to state in the 112-pound weight class. He has gone 35-3 this year, and the senior is hoping to end his high school career in style.

Scheffer will wrestle against the winner of a first-round sectional match between Herrin's Jason Bennett (29-4) and Edwardsville's Ricky Welborn (23-10).

There should be no distractions for him, Garland said of Scheffer. "He should be focused. He's been through the wars before, and he knows what to expect."

At 103, sophomore Chris Hogan is preparing for his first sectional. Hogan will battle Sandy Tillman of Chatham Glenwood. Tillman is 26-11.

At 125, sophomore T.J. Slay enters sectional competition for the second straight year. Slay, 36-2, suffered a sectional defeat last season and has been eager to return ever since.

Slay, like Scheffer, has a first-round bye. He will wrestle the winner of a match between Civic Memorial's Jason Hargrave (20-14) and Mount Vernon's Ben Aeneas (23-12).

"T.J. worked hard all year," Garland said. "He has gotten back into the same situation he was in last year. He feels good about him and all our wrestlers."

Sophomore Jamie Kirby has advanced in the 165-pound weight class and has a first-round bye. Kirby, 29-8, will wrestle the winner of a match between Marion's Adam Rains (17-3) and Chatham Glenwood's Brandon Smith (21-11).

At 140, freshman Jeff Estrada is looking at a first-round match with Ernest Williams of Jacksonville. Estrada is 20-17, and Williams is 9-1.

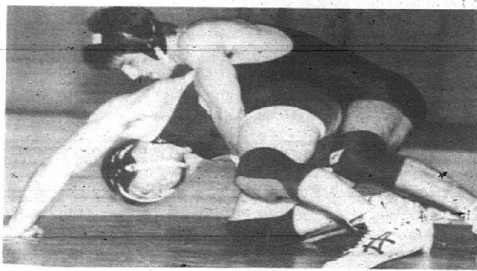
Sophomore Tony Buchek, 34-7 at 160, will take on the winner between Springfield Lanphier's George Wilson (27-3) and Collinsville's Kevin Kent (17-16).

The Warriors' 171-pound junior, Jeff Witter, has been paired against Jerseyville's Joe Afterberry. Witter is 28-13, and Afterberry is 19-13.

Witter picked up some valuable experience in the past week by wrestling twice against Cahokia's Luther Gilmer. Gilmer is in the opposite bracket in the sectional.

"He's not going to see a tougher kid than Gilmer at the sectional," Garland said. "Gilmer's one of the best in the state. Wrestling him should give him a big boost."

Senior 171-pounder Andy Richards and freshman heavyweight Chris Janek round out Granite City's sectional qualifiers. Richards, 31-10, will take on Quincy's



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Granite City wrestler Jeff Witter has compiled a 28-13 record this season in the 171-pound weight class.

Phil Neely (30-7). Janek (27-12) will compete against the winner between Edwardsville's Eric Stunkle (26-9) and Springfield Lanphier's Dartanyon Doss (record unavailable).

Garland said he is keeping his wrestlers confident. Doing well

in regional competition should pay off for the young Warriors. "Doing well in our regional is a big confidence builder, because our regional usually sends a good number of kids to state," Garland said. "But you cannot overlook anybody."

"We're in an area we didn't expect to be in. You have to go in with the right frame of mind and tell yourself you're going to win. The only thing that matters is being aggressive and coming out on top."

Garland is not concerning himself too much with the Warriors' opponents. But Granite City has already defeated Carbondale and Edwardsville, two of the other three teams in the team sectional.

"They'll still be tough," Garland said. "We're just going to get our kids prepared and not worry about anyone else."

Regional—Players needed for AABC teams

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stuck Jason Potter in :42. Garland used Potter at 189 instead of Andy Richards, who had a knee injury.

The Comanches' Marvin Thomas scored a 73 victory at 275 against freshman Chris Janek.

Garland said he didn't expect his Warriors to repeat their regional championship this season, nor go through the regular season undefeated.

"This feels really good," he said. "There's just no quit in these kids. I can't figure it out. I was worried about having a .500 season."

A Granite City baseball coach, Doug Winfield, is looking to form teams for a traveling league to compete in the American Amateur Baseball Congress. Players born after Aug. 1, 1978, are needed.

The league will have a regular-season summer schedule and a playoff format leading to AABC state tournament play. The league is for players who would like to compete against teams throughout the southwestern Illinois region.

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Nona Cooper and the food service staff at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville recently completed the TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures by Servers of Alcohol) seminar.

On Dec. 6, 11 staff members participated in the on-premise workshop taught by Daniel Pizzini and Manny Volrab of Wm. D. Pizzini Inc. All members passed the seminar and are now TIPS certified for three years.

Anheuser-Busch Inc. and W. D. Pizzini Inc. conduct the workshops to teach retailers techniques to help prevent intoxication, drunk driving and underage drinking. TIPS was developed by Dr. Morris Chafetz, an authority on alcohol abuse and education, and the founding director of the U.S. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Approximately 300,000 servers and instructors have been TIPS trained since the program's inception in 1984, according to Health Communication Inc., the Washington, D.C. based coordinator of the program. Anheuser-Busch and its wholesalers have trained approximately one-half of this number.

TIPS was reviewed by the U.S. Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) and found to be scientifically accurate, and in conformance with public health principles and policies.

The Insurance Information Institute endorses TIPS and many insurance companies offer savings of up to 20 percent on the cost of liquor liability insurance to TIPS-trained establishments.

At the 1992 National City Challenge to Stop Drunk Driving Awards, sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, TIPS played a fundamental role in nine of the 10 award-winning cities.

A study, conducted by Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, concluded that patrons of TIPS-trained servers had significantly lower blood alcohol levels (BAC) than the BAC levels of those served by untrained personnel. The study also found that TIPS-trained personnel effectively applied TIPS lessons to their work, taking action when patrons ordered an increasing number of drinks.

Legion Juniors plan bowling event

The 22nd District American Legion Auxiliary Juniors held a mid-winter overnight on Jan. 16-17, at the Quality Inn in Collinsville. The girls enjoyed swimming, games, a pizza supper and breakfast there.

The following units were represented: Cahokia Unit 784 with 4 juniors and 2 seniors; Columbia Unit 581 with 9 juniors and 2 seniors; New Douglas Unit 710 with 1 junior and 1 senior; and Venice-Madison Unit 307 with 12 juniors and 5 seniors.

22nd District President Sharon Hydron attended on Saturday evening.

Those attending from Unit 307 were: Melissa Anderson, Chrissy Ballard, Rhonda Ballard, Bobbie Chastain, Amanda Foley, Laura Martin, Cathy Moreland, Chelsey Peery, Kaleigh Perry, Amber Singleton, Ashley Singleton, and Kirsten Yobby. Adults were Cindy Yobby, 22nd District Junior Advisor; Dorothy Hinson, Rose Moreland, Connie Ballard, and Carla Peery.

The next 22nd District Junior activity will be Saturday, Feb. 13, with Columbia Unit 581 as hostesses. This will be a bowling event.

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New officers — Coordinated Youth Services has welcomed new officers and board members for 1993. In top photo, from left, are Steve Balen, treasurer; Bob Martinez, president; and Loren Davis, vice president. In photo at left are new board members Margie Tarasovich, left, and Kathy Clark.

Label business keeps firm pressing on

By Roger McGrath
Correspondent

Think of all the consumer products you come in contact with each day — shampoo, salad dressing, maple syrup, motor oil, all the thousands of other products that line the shelves of supermarkets, discount department stores and so on. All have labels, many of them pressure-sensitive.

Many of these pressure-sensitive labels were printed on presses made right here in River City at Mark Andy Inc., the world's leading manufacturer of narrow web presses.

"We have a very specialized niche and within that niche we are the No. 1 company," says president John Eulich.

The Chesterfield outfit owns about 35 percent of the U.S. market, somewhat less in foreign countries. Last year was Mark Andy's best yet in sales, he reports.

Given that market share and the sheer number of pressure-sensitive labels, the average consumer would find it difficult to go through a day without coming in contact with a label printed on Mark Andy equipment, says Dale Bunnell, vice president of sales.

Label printers say Mark Andy is their supplier of choice because of the reliability of the presses. Foremost Printing Co., Fenton, uses "damn near every day" a machine made in 1953, while the press purchased last year runs 16 hours a day, says George Ezell, vice president.

Here's why the dog-eat-dog label industry values reliable printing equipment: "If we can't do it (complete a client's job by the deadline, often just three days after winning the assignment), somebody else will," says Don McDaniel, president of MPI Label Systems. He estimates that 70 percent of the Ohio firm's presses were made by Mark Andy.

"What makes us No. 1 is the quality built into the machines," Eulich says.

Eulich says. The 270 workers at this manufacturing plant on Chesterfield Airport Road turn out about 20 presses a month, ranging in price from \$30,000 to more than \$750,000.

To cement its market-leading position, "We are investing literally millions of dollars a year in new product development," Eulich says. "Our primary emphasis is improving the productivity of our customers."

Three presses unveiled last year do just that. The new computer-controlled press requires the operator to set up the job once. Those specifications are then saved in the computer, to be called up when the next batch of labels must be run.

Especially popular is Mark Andy's "quick change print drawer," a productivity enhancement that, in effect, allows a press operator to do two jobs at once. While one four-color job is printing, the operator of an eight-color press (the most popular unit) can pull out the drawers and prepare for the next four-color job. "Within minutes (of finishing one run), you're back up and running," says Roy Webb, national sales manager.

Another advantage of Mark Andy presses is that, when outfitted with the appropriate tools, a press run can be completed in one pass and by one employee. Labels typically are printed on long rolls of pressure-sensitive paper; to create an irregular-shaped label to be applied to a bottle of syrup, say, the roll runs under a die-cutting tool, a sort of precision scissors that snips out excess material.

Family-owned Mark Andy doesn't make these extra tools, but works closely with the printer, his client and the company making the special tool. "Consumer goods manufacturers often approach Mark Andy with unusual problems. A recent example: A maker of nicotine patches that are applied to the skin. Wondered if the stop-smoking aid could be made on a narrow web press.

Answer: Yes. So some Chesterfield-made presses are now churning out the patches.

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The 32 centers will donate to the American Heart Association for each oil change performed during the month, with an expected total donation of \$1,200 to \$1,500.

"This is our way of saying that we not only care about cars, but about car owners," says Rich Varel, regional manager for Valvoline Instant Oil Change. "We hope that the people of this area will come forward to help us support heart research."

Betsy Schroeder, director of communications for the American Heart Association, says February is the non-profit agency's busiest in terms of fundraising.

"Nearly half of all Americans die of heart disease, according to our research," Schroeder said. "With the help of companies like Valvoline Instant Oil Change and the valuable donations of private citizens, we can continue the cardiovascular research that will someday help us beat heart disease."

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On exhibit — Julie Courtous poses with some of the photographs she exhibited recently at Linda's Gallery in Granite City. Courtous is a registered nurse at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Program facilitates grieving process

By Ann-Marie Campos
Staff writer

The grieving process after the death of a loved one is a sad and confusing time for family members, maybe even more so for kids.

Kids' Time at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Belleville is a grief support group for children dealing with the death of a family member.

"The grief process varies to the individual. Everyone goes at their own pace," said Margaret Chandler, Belleville area social worker and volunteer for the support group. "Kids that go through something like this program tend to deal better because they haven't suppressed their feelings."

The Belleville support group is the only one in the Metro East area, and there's one in St. Louis. The six-week classes are offered twice a year for children ages 6-14. Admission is free.

During the sessions the kids draw and write to express their feelings in a workbook. Some of the topics they deal with include memories of who informed them of the death, how the death occurred and their favorite memories of what the deceased taught them about life.

"Their drawing of things is their expression of what's in their hearts. It allows them to be able to more easily discuss what's concerning them," said Michael Inyart, Belleville area social worker and group volunteer.

One night the kids might have to recall something painful such as a memory of the funeral, then they draw the image and have the option to discuss it. Another time they might focus on a happier memory or something more abstract, such as feelings or fears.

Inyart said it's important for kids to know that it's OK to be angry. Anger is just one of the several phases that survivors go through after losing a loved one.

There are several theories on the grieving process. One used within the support group is accepting the loss, experiencing the pain of grief, adjusting to an environment in which the deceased is missing and to withdraw emotional energy and reinvest it into another relationship.

One of the main benefits of the support group is that the kids are among their peers — all who have also experienced a death.

The kids have found that relating to people their own age is easier than having an adult counselor tell them about their inner feelings. Relating to their peers also gives them a sense of helping one another in return.

"It lets kids know what they're feeling and going through is normal. They see other kids going through the same things," Chandler said.

In the most recent support group, which was offered last November, the 10 children were divided into two groups: ages 6-9 and 10-14.

"I don't feel so angry. The talking really helped," said Tracy Reeves, 14.

She said her favorite part was when the kids got to bring in photographs of their deceased family members and share them with the other children.

"It has made me feel better to get over the death of my dad," said Roxana Reeves, 9. "I used to feel sad, but now I feel good and happy."

In the beginning, Tracy didn't want to attend the class, but under her mother's suggestion she gave the first class a try and decided to stick with it.

"It's important for other parents to know it's difficult in the beginning to face this, but you need to give it a try," said

Kathy Allen of Paderborn. "The whole process is one step at a time."

Diana Little of Fairview Heights said she has seen her daughter's change to become less temperamental and moody.

"She's matured a lot," Little said. "It helps for her to know she's not alone."

The counselors recommend that children wait to enroll into the program until the death is about six months old in order to adjust to the situation first.

The next session meets every Monday, 6:30 - 8 p.m., from February 1 to March 15. To register contact the hospital's pastoral care office at 234-2120.

Montessori method teaches children idea of independence

By Jane Cosby
Correspondent

If you observed children eating lunch in one of the almost 5,000 Montessori preschools in this country, you would notice that unlike many preschoolers, these children serve themselves and clean up afterwards.

That is because the Montessori Method, developed by Dr. Maria Montessori, an Italian pediatrician born in 1870, is based in part on the principle of helping children develop independence and responsibility.

Dr. Montessori believed that children have a need to be independent and that teaching them to perform simple daily tasks helps them fulfill that need, in addition to helping them develop coordination, vocabulary skills and social skills.

Practical life activities, such as cleaning up, dressing independently and keeping the room tidy, are an integral part of a Montessori preschool program. Parents can implement the same routines in their homes.

Author Lesley Britton has written "Montessori Play and Learn: A Parents' Guide to Purposeful Play From Two to Six" (Crown Publishers Inc., \$18) for parents who want more information about using the Montessori Method at home.

This book of suggestions and activities to make and play shows parents exactly what to do and how to do it.

Britton makes the following suggestions about teaching your child to perform everyday activities around the house.

Dr. Montessori believed that children have a need to be independent and that teaching them to perform simple daily tasks helps them fulfill that need, in addition to helping them develop coordination, vocabulary skills and social skills.

Do not give your child pretend tools, says Britton. Knives that do not really cut or toy brooms that do not really sweep up dirt will frustrate your child. He will not be fooled by make-believe work. Try to find real tools in scaled-down sizes.

When you show your child how to do something, do it very slowly so your child can absorb it all, says Britton. Expect to have to repeat the demonstration several times before he gets the hang of it.

If necessary, take your child through the activity step by step. Then let him repeat the activity as many times as he wants. He is learning the task through this repetition, Britton says.

Britton has recommendations for altering your home environment to suit your children. Montessori preschools are designed exclusively to accommodate children. While most parents are not willing to go to that extreme at home, some concessions will help your child's intellectual and emotional development.

Britton suggests that in your child's bedroom everything

should be child-sized. A comforter on the bed instead of a sheet and blanket will make it easier for your child to make it himself.

A low-level rod in the closet, drawers that slide easily and hooks on the wall or door will make it easier for your child to take care of his own clothes.

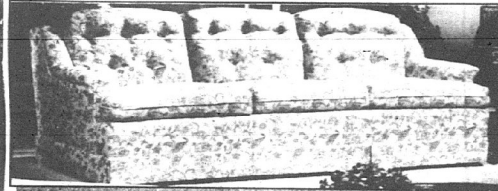
Storage boxes for small items, stacking crates and plenty of shelf space will work better than one large toy box for keeping toys picked up.

The rest of your house should provide areas where your child feels welcome, Britton says. Children need to be an integral part of family life and should not be "banished" to their room or have certain areas "off-limits" to them.

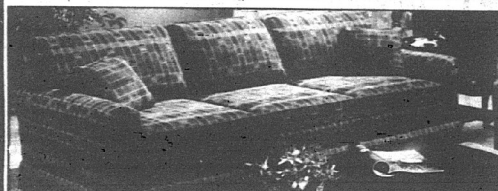
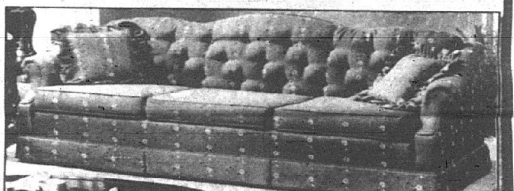
Jane Cosby is a former teacher and the mother of two.

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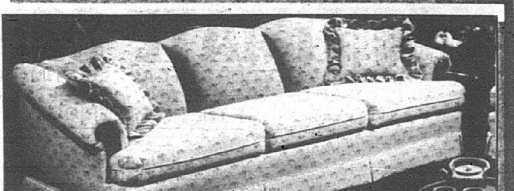
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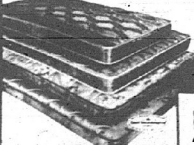


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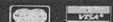
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Edgar names savings/finance commissioner

Gov. Jim Edgar recently appointed Jack Schaffer as Illinois' Commissioner of Savings and Residential Finance, effective July 15.

Schaffer, of Cary, will replace John D. Seymour of Springfield, whose resignation as commissioner is effective July 15. Schaffer began work as a deputy commissioner on Feb. 1.

"The commission has an unusually high number of applications pending, and I am

pleased that we will have two individuals of this caliber working together for the next few months to insure a smooth transition," the governor said.

"Jack Seymour has served the people of Illinois well as their commissioner for savings and residential finance for the last six years, and I wish him well as he prepares to enter the private sector."

"At the same time, Jack Schaffer has a record of serving

the people of Illinois for 20 years in the legislative branch, and I am confident he will perform superbly in this new role in the executive branch," Edgar said.

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'Weapon I' has loads of talent

By Harry Hamm
Correspondent

The title "National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon I" infers there will be a sequel. Probably so.

This punch-drunk genre of humor is usually welcomed by audiences, who have been preconditioned to it over the years by the likes of the Marx Brothers and Mel Brooks, not to mention Jim Abrahams and the Zucker brothers, who made "Airplane" and "Airplane II: The Sequel" in the 1980s.

"Loaded Weapon I" is a lampoon of the "Lethal Weapon" pictures with Danny Glover and Mel Gibson. Their counterparts this time out are played by Samuel L. Jackson and Emilio Estevez, respectively.

Set in Los Angeles, Jackson plays a conservative cop only a few days from retirement. Estevez is a hard-drinking (Jack Daniels and chocolate syrup) insurrectionist on the Los Angeles Police Department who is unhappy about fighting the bureaucracy.

The pair get involved in the wilderness Cookie Girl Murder Case, which viewed another way is an excuse to showcase a host of talented performers who never get a chance to ham it up like they can in this motion picture. For instance, Academy Award winner F. Murray Abraham appears as sociopath Dr. Hannibal Lecter. William Shatner is the evil General Mortars, whose



Wes Luger, Federal Informant Becker and Jack Colt (Samuel L. Jackson), Jon Lovitz and Emilio Estevez, from left) do a take off of an interrogation scene from "Basic Instinct," in "National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon I."

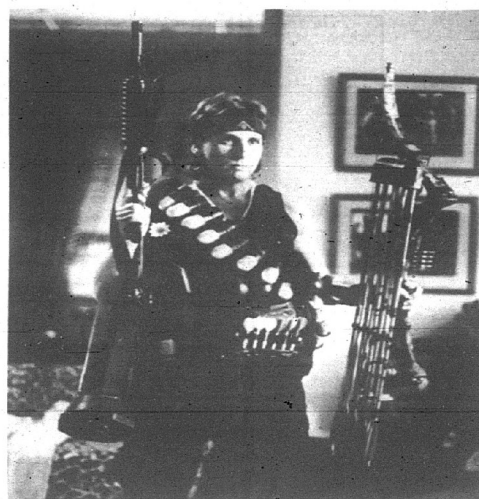
sidekick, Dr. Jigsaw, is played by Tim Curry.

Other talents lending their appearances to "Loaded Weapon I" include Denis Leary, Jon Lovitz, Charlie Sheen, Eric Estrada, Dr. Joyce Brothers and Phil Hartman, to name, as they say, a few.

"Loaded Weapon I" has so many sight gags, one-liners and absurdities that it tends to wear out an audience.

The laughs are most fun up front. "Loaded Weapon I" is a contagious send-up that spreads laughter right and left.

Rated PG-13 (language and adult references). Running time: 83 minutes.



Jack (Emilio Estevez) wears the latest in battle-front fashions, accented by a genuine pearl necklace, in "National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon I."

'Countdown' ushers in new phase for Megadeth

By Alan Sculley
Correspondent

Megadeth bassist Dave Ellefson figures there's one term heavy metal musicians least want to hear to describe their music — sell-out.

Since the summer 1992 release of Megadeth's fifth album, "Countdown to Extinction," though, that's a description Ellefson and his band mates guitarist/singer/songwriter Dave Mustaine, guitarist Marty Friedman and drummer Nick Menza have heard, particularly from some of their long-time fans.

"I find that people, especially in heavy metal, they get used to hearing something and they don't ever want to hear change for fear of like, oh my God, my favorite band is going commercial or selling out," Ellefson said. "Those are probably the two most hideous words of heavy metal. And to us, it isn't a change, it's just an evolution of our band."

Whether "Countdown" is a sell-out, a change or an improvement is a question of musical tastes, but the album opens a new phase for Megadeth.

Long known as leading practitioners of speed metal, there's little on "Countdown" that fits the description. Though the songs are still plenty heavy, the tempos have been slowed down, song arrangements have been tightened and the overall production is considerably cleaner than on past Megadeth records.

"I remember before we even had the band totally together, before we even made our first record, it's like a lot of our music wasn't even that fast," Ellefson said. "Then all of a sudden these kids in San Francisco, where the metal scene was just flourishing, they're like is it fast? How fast is it? Fast, fast, fast. So all of a sudden I noticed our songs started getting faster."

and faster and speeding up, almost kind of because that's what people were expecting from us.

"And it's like over the years we've played songs of various tempos," he said. "But I think on this record we've discovered once again that when the songs were put under the microscope in the studio (then) we actually got a lot heavier sounding, because they had these big monstrous grooves going in there rather than these intricate parts of music just flying right over your head because they're so fast."

"And that was definitely a turning point for the sound of this record, and it's definitely helped it be a lot more listenable to people," he said.

Sales figures certainly back up Ellefson's belief that "Countdown to Extinction" has won Megadeth new fans. For the first time, MTV got behind a Megadeth album, giving "Countdown's" lead single, "Symphony of Destruction," heavy airplay.

The success of "Countdown" is especially gratifying for Megadeth considering it was only about three years ago when the band's first was tenuous at best.

Formed by Mustaine and Ellefson in 1983 (shortly after Mustaine had left an early lineup of Metallica), Megadeth quickly rose to the head of the speed metal class behind the 1985 debut "Killing Is My Business... And Business Is Good" and the 1986 follow-up, "Peace Sells... But Who's Buying."

Banned group coming to area

The Riverside Theatre of Iowa, banned in 1991 from appearing at McKendree College, will be bringing another show to the Metro East this month.

The theater group will present the award-winning one-woman show "Shirley Valentine" at 8 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Belleville Philharmonic Society, 100 N. Jackson in Belleville.

The Riverside Theatre troupe in 1991 was banned from performing the trilogy of one act plays "Acts of Passion" at McKendree College. The college president canceled the group's performance because he objected to language in the show.

The group, which had been performing annually at McKendree for nine years, staged the plays instead at Horner Park in Lebanon. "Shirley Valentine" is the story of a 42-year-old British housewife who wants to break out of the mold society has cast for women. She leaves her husband and takes off to Greece for a vacation.

Jody Howland, who appeared in "Acts of Passion," will play the title character.

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